

Question for written answer E-007253/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Waiver of the arms embargo against Syria

With regard to the Council's decision of 28 May 2013 not to extend the EU's embargo on supplying arms to the Syrian opposition, we would like to ask the following questions:

1. What checks will be carried out to ensure that the issuing of weapons and ammunition does not contribute to human rights abuses?
2. What accounting procedures will be put in place to ensure proper tracking of the storage, registration and use of any arms and ammunition?
3. Are political consultations planned among Member States regarding the exchange of information on post-embargo military transfers?