

**Question for written answer E-004672/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Report on the most corrupt countries in the world

Recently the NGO Transparency International published its report 'Corruption Perceptions Index 2013', setting out the results of how corruption is perceived in the administrative and political institutions of countries worldwide.

The results lead to some interesting conclusions in that, among the ten most corrupt countries in the world, seven have been subject to military intervention from countries that are members of NATO. This would appear to indicate that this military organisation is a leading international promoter of corruption. Almost all countries where NATO has carried out armed intervention have seen an immediate rise in this international ranking on the corruption of institutions.

These results call into question both the ability and the intent of NATO armed intervention to improve governance and the situation of the people under attack. Painful intervention, which has cost thousands of lives in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, etc., has resulted in governments with a high level of corruption but which are useful puppets for furthering the interests of NATO countries. Published reports show that armed intervention and increasing violence in these countries is associated with an increase in corruption, to the detriment of democracy and in the interests of the privileged classes in those conflicts.

1. Is the Vice-President/High Representative aware of the results published in this report?
2. What is her opinion of those results?
3. Will the European Union take responsibility for the increasing corruption in the countries in which it has taken military action or those which it has destabilised through its support?
4. Will the Vice-President/High Representative consider renouncing interference and military intervention as a foreign policy instrument in order to reduce the levels of corruption in the world?