Question for written answer E-004857/2014 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 117 Franz Obermayr (NI)

Subject: VP/HR - Nigeria: Islamists kill more than 100 people

Another bloodbath has been perpetrated in northern Nigeria by the radical Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram. More than 100 people, including women and children, have been killed, and numerous wells for drinking water destroyed. The terrorists attack not only Christians, but also soldiers, police officers and government officials. Since 2009, supporters of the Islamist terrorist organisation have killed a total of 6 000 people. Since the beginning of 2014 alone at least 1 500 Nigerians have been killed in such attacks. The goal of the Islamist group is to establish a theocratic state in northern Nigeria.

- 1. How does the High Representative view the ongoing vicious attacks on Christians in northern Nigeria?
- 2. What steps are being by the Union to protect them from violence and persecution in Nigeria? Has the High Representative adopted a position on this issue?
- 3. How much development aid does Nigeria receive from the EU? Is delivery of this aid linked to respect for human rights? If not, why not?