

**Question for written answer E-003449/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP)

European citizens are becoming increasingly concerned about the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP), in principle a military defence programme run jointly by the US Air Force and Navy, in conjunction with the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska.

Parliament's Subcommittee on Security and Disarmament held a hearing on HAARP and other 'non-lethal weapons' in Brussels on 5 February 1998. In Parliament's report of 14 January 1999 on the environment, security and foreign policy it was characterised as a weapons system which disrupts the climate. Considerable concerns were raised as to its legality under international law, its far-reaching impact on the environment and its ecological and ethical implications, which should be examined by an international independent body before any further research and testing.

Since HAARP could potentially be related to EU policies, namely the environment, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. Is HAARP considered a 'weapon'? What is its purpose, where has it been installed and what are its powers?
2. Does the Commission intend to take any measures in this regard to respond to the fears of citizens (impact on the environment, weather, health, etc.)?