Question for written answer E-004816/2015/rev.1 to the Council

Rule 130

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Subject: Inclusion of Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) on the list of terrorist organisations

The inclusion of the PKK on the EU list of terrorist organisations was raised during the International Law Conference held in Bonn in December 2014 and attended by lawyers from all over the world.

Procedures for removing the PKK from the list were also discussed.

The PKK was added to the European list of terrorist organisations in May 2002, despite the fact that it had not been involved in any armed conflict since 1999.

The conference concluded that this had been detrimental the peace talks seeking to resolve the Kurdish issue, expressing concern at the incarceration of duly elected Kurdish politicians.

Inclusion of the PKK on the list was also condemned by the EU Court of Justice. This was followed by a Luxembourg court ruling that the decision adopted by Member State governments in 2002 was illegal under EU law.

In view of this:

Will the Council say whether it has considered the possibility of reviewing the 2002 decision in the light of the above arguments?

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