Question for written answer E-000633/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject:  Outlawing of the Communist Party of Ukraine

In December the Kiev District Administrative Court decided to ban the Communist Party of Ukraine (KPU) after the court of appeal had upheld the suits filed by the Ministry of Justice. Within hours the lower court accepted the regime’s application to outlaw the Communist Party. This ruling consolidates the assault on the most basic rights, freedoms, and guarantees accorded to the Ukrainian people and proves that the Ukrainian political regime is drifting towards fascism. The regime is insisting that the KPU has to give up its name, symbols, and Communist ideology, and has prevented any assessment or public discussion of the ‘decommunisation’ laws, as they are called, and the charges against the KPU. The standards applied by the regime are contrary to the Ukrainian Constitution, international law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and the conclusions of the Venice Commission.

1. How does the Commission view these anti-democratic measures by the Ukrainian regime?

2. In the light of these latest events, what, in the Commission’s opinion, will be the implications for relations between the EU and Ukraine, especially where the association agreement is concerned?