

**Question for written answer E-007150/2017
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Persecution of Rohingya civilians in Myanmar

In its October conclusions on Myanmar, the Council said it would consider additional measures if the situation did not improve.

Last week the Myanmar military released the results of an investigation clearing the army of any abuse allegations against Rohingya civilians, blaming Rohingya 'terrorists' for violence in Rakhine.

Meanwhile, a UN official accused the Myanmar military of systematic sexual violence against the Rohingya and committed to raising the issue of persecution with the International Criminal Court. A report by Human Rights Watch found that Myanmar security forces had raped and sexually assaulted women and girls both during and in the weeks prior to major attacks on villages. A US Holocaust Memorial Museum report mentions 'mounting evidence' of genocide against the Rohingya.

- Will the Council now consider additional restrictive measures, such as targeted economic sanctions and travel restrictions on military leaders implicated in the violence, as requested in Parliament's resolution of 13 September 2017? What needs to happen in order for the Council to agree on such measures?
- What is the Council doing to put pressure on Myanmar to end its abusive operations, prevent future atrocities and create the conditions necessary for Rohingya to choose to return home in safety and dignity?