

Question for written answer E-001776/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - EU Iran Policy II

On 5 and 6 April 2019, the G7 foreign ministers and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) met in Dinard, France. The final communiqué from the meeting made no mention of the need for all parties to continue to fully implement the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). There is also no acknowledgement that Iran, according to the multiple reports from the International Atomic Energy Agency, is in full compliance with its obligations under the JCPOA. At the same time, the communiqué accuses Iran of supporting 'terrorist organisations', using language that does not reflect the official position of the EU as set out in the Council conclusions of 4 February 2019. This language was adopted by the G7 despite the fact that four of the seven countries represented are EU Member States and the VP/HR was present. Did the VP/HR make any attempt to coordinate the positions of the EU members of the G7, in order to bring the final communiqué into line with the EU's common position? Why did the final communiqué fail to reflect the EU's positions on the JCPOA and on Iran's activities in the region?