

**Question for written answer E-001535/2020  
to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Updating the EU watchlist of terrorist organisations to include Hezbollah

On 13 January 2020, the Council updated the EU terrorist watchlist. It only lists the 'military wing' of Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation.

1. Does the Council agree that it is impossible to differentiate between Hezbollah's political and paramilitary wings? If not, why not?
2. Is the Council aware of the statements made by Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary-General Naim Qassem in October 2012: 'We don't have a military wing and a political one; we don't have Hezbollah on the one hand and the resistance party on the other [...]. Every element of Hezbollah, from commanders to members as well as our various capabilities, are in the service of the resistance, and we have nothing but the resistance as a priority' and by Benjamin Nägele, Director of EU Affairs for B'nai B'rith International: 'Any distinction between Hezbollah's political and military wings is an artificial one. Even the organisation's leaders view the two branches as part of the same entity, with money passing freely between them'? If so, how are statements such as these taken into account when updating the watchlist?
3. Why has Hezbollah whole and entire not been placed on the EU terrorist watchlist?