

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1037/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Use of depleted uranium munitions in Yugoslavia

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has issued instructions through its Personnel Department specifying the protective measures that UNHCR staff should take when operating in the area where depleted uranium munitions were used during the NATO bombardment of Yugoslavia.

These instructions include (a) that no pregnant women should be sent to Kosovo, (b) that staff should be offered an alternative posting upon request and (c) that any official sent to Kosovo must have their file marked 'service in the field' to facilitate any claim for compensation in the event of illness resulting from contamination.

Can the Commission inform Parliament of any similar measures it has taken to protect its officials working in the areas contaminated by depleted uranium munitions in Yugoslavia?