

**Question for written answer P-005788/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
László Surján (PPE)**

Subject: VP/HR - Dispute between Taiwan and the Philippines

On 9 May 2013, a Taiwanese fishing boat was fired upon by a Philippine Coast Guard vessel, resulting in the death of a fisherman.

What is known about the cause of this incident? Is the treatment of the dispute, along with the responses and actions taken by the Philippine Government, satisfactory under international law?