

**Question for written answer P-013461/2015/rev.1
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Drones

What action has been taken to implement the recommendations of Parliament's resolution of 27 February 2014 to 'oppose and ban extrajudicial targeted killings' via armed drones outside the international legal framework, noting that the resolution called on the VP/HR to 'ensure that the Member States, in conformity with their legal obligations, do not perpetrate unlawful targeted killings'?

In general, does the EU interpret international law as permitting the use of targeted killings as 'acts of self-defence' against non-state actors within third states, including in cases where an EU citizen is targeted by an EU Member State in a third state?

Does the VP/HR agree that states conducting drone strikes outside of armed conflict are obliged to conduct transparent investigations into all allegations of arbitrary killings and to provide effective remedies where violations are confirmed, and will she comment on this in relation to the British action and set out any further action she will take on all of the above?