

**Question for written answer P-006791/2016  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Fighting radicalisation in Tunisia and the Middle East and North Africa region

Following the Arab spring that started in 2010, progress towards democratisation in the affected countries has been slow. That is why our greatest hopes lie in Tunisia – a country on the threshold of a consolidated democracy.

Nevertheless, Tunisia is reported to have the largest number of individuals becoming radicalised and subsequently joining Daesh. This situation is obviously deteriorating the democratic forces in the country and is therefore hindering the nation from becoming a peaceful and free society. Furthermore, given that terrorism has become a global issue, and not least a European one, I imagine that the Commission shares my concern over any number of individuals becoming radicalised. The issues of both democracy in Tunisia and the radicalisation of individuals concern all of us in the globalised world.

Is the Commission taking any action to address these issues – in Tunisia or in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA) in general? And if so, could it give us a report on these measures?