

Priority question for written answer P-004273/2026
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: Taking action against the violent groups involved in recent riots in France

On Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October 2026, extremely violent riots broke out across France, leading to town halls getting burnt down, over 1500 shops pillaged and almost a thousand police officers injured. These targeted attacks against our institutions and security forces show that these violent radical networks are acting in an organised manner. All European tools urgently need to be activated to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

Pursuant to Articles 1, 2(2) and (3) and 4(1) of Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/455, the inclusion of groups in the list of restrictive measures requires precise information on organised associative structures, whose prior judicial acts and investigations fulfil the legal criteria of seriously undermining the political or social structures of a country.

1. Therefore, will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy call on the French authorities, and in particular the Minister of the Interior, to gather the evidence required to precisely identify the organised groups involved, in particular within the anti-fascist movement, to document their actions and to determine whether the conditions are met to propose including them on the EU terrorist list?
2. If not, why not?

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