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**Question for written answer E-001064/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible launch of the procedure to add the Muslim Brotherhood to the EU list of terrorist organisations

The May 2025 report from the French intelligence service entitled ‘Muslim Brotherhood and political Islamism in France’ fuelled widespread concern across the Member States. More recently, the report prompted the French Parliament to adopt a resolution calling on the Commission and the Council to initiate a legal assessment of the Muslim Brotherhood’s transnational network, tighten checks on EU funding, recognise the political nature of Islamic separatism and take steps, guided by EU counterterrorism criteria and backed by enhanced Member State cooperation, to potentially add the movement and its leaders to the EU list of terrorist organisations.

The Muslim Brotherhood certainly poses a threat to the fundamental principles of the EU: it promotes a political and religious separatism that inherently undermines sovereignty and the constitutional order, and its European network branches throughout the Member States (even extending to Islamic centres and imams) in its pursuit of an agenda incompatible with the rule of law.

In view of the above, can the Commission say whether it will consider launching the procedure, in accordance with the rule of law, to add the Muslim Brotherhood and its leaders to the EU list of terrorist organisations?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU takes very seriously the threat posed by extremist radical views sowing social division, polarisation and radicalisation in Europe. In close cooperation with Member States, the EU monitors the evolving risks linked to organisations trying to unduly influence the EU institutions, including radical and extremist non-state actors, as well as interference from third countries.

The legal prerequisite for the listing of new individuals, groups or entities, under Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/455 of 26 February 2026 ⁽¹⁾, is a decision by a competent authority as defined by Article 2(3) of the decision. Such a decision should concern the involvement of the individual or entity in question in a ‘terrorist act’ as defined by Article 1(1) of the aforementioned Decision.

On that basis, the Council decides on a listing pursuant to Decision (CFSP) 2026/455 ⁽²⁾, acting by unanimity.

The Commission remains committed to preventing and combatting all forms of radicalisation, as well as hatred, racism and discrimination, including those related to actual or perceived religion or belief.

⁽¹⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202600455.

⁽²⁾ please see footnote 1.