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Debate

Pino Arlacchi (S&D). - Mr President, I have two questions for Commissioner Füle. First, I appreciated the most recent position taken by Baroness Ashton on the Ukraine-EU-Russia relationship. She says that the crisis in Ukraine was wrongly perceived as a confrontation between East and West, when the reality is that of a convergence and a synergy. Baroness Ashton accepts the concept of a Eurasian integration process where Russia and the EU cooperate in the creation of a common area of trade, stability and peace. My question is: why insist on keeping two systems of customs union alive, instead of creating just one free-trade zone?

Secondly, the Ukrainian Parliament is proposing to have in a new government three ministers who belong to the Svoboda Party, which is a neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic entity. What do you intend to do to maintain coherence with your past position on the inclusion of the Haider party in the Government of Austria?

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