Question for written answer E-000508/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Ramón Jáuregui Atondo (S&D)

Subject: Syrian refugees

Figures show that Europe is not particularly generous when it comes to Syrian refugees, whose dramatic circumstances are brought to our attention on a daily basis in the media. So far, the three countries which have welcomed a large number of them are Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. By contrast, according to Amnesty International the European Union has taken in just 4% of Syrian refugees, and its increasingly restrictive asylum policies are making the situation much more complicated. To be consistent with its own values, the EU should show humanity and give shelter to some of these people.

Could the Commission provide exact figures showing how many Syrian refugees the EU has taken in since the beginning of the conflict?

Does the Commission intend to draw up a special plan for taking in Syrian refugees, including their distribution among the 28 Member States?

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