

**Question for written answer E-000615/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Situation of the Syrian refugees

In December 2014 it was announced that aid to approximately 1.7 million Syrians in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt under the United Nations World Food Programme was to be suspended, thereby endangering the refugees' health and security and at the same time the security of the entire region.

The European Union is one of the main contributors to the World Food Programme and is represented on its executive committee.

Does the Commission intend to make an extra effort to ease the situation of the Syrian refugees in the Middle East, including by putting pressure on other contributors so that the volume of aid can be increased?