

Question for written answer E-005961/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: European solidarity and distribution between EU Member States of thousands of refugees and migrants illegally entering Greece on a daily basis

The wars in Middle East and North Africa are creating massive waves of refugees seeking safe haven in the EU.

This has led to a dramatic surge in the number of migrants illegally entering Greece and forced to remain there against their will under the 'Dublin III' Regulation. As a result, Greece is effectively being turned into a dumping ground and is unable to cope with the growing refugee influx.

In February and March 2015, the Aegean Islands absorbed a further 10 762 refugees, with 742 arriving in Lesbos in January, 1 035 in February, and 3 403 in March. Government sources currently estimate that a total of 100 000 refugees will be entering Greece in 2015.

Greece is in danger of becoming the new Lampedusa. In the name of European solidarity, it is therefore necessary to repeal the 'Dublin III' Regulation and assign refugees (and migrants illegally present on Greek territory) to other EU Member States based on their respective areas, populations, GDP levels and unemployment rates.

In view of this:

- What measures will the Commission take in cooperation with the Greek authorities to address the growing refugee crisis?
- When will it seek to initiate legislation ensuring the fair distribution of refugee and migrant flows between EU Member States?