

**Question for written answer E-006187/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Perversion of the right of asylum

Following the publication of a French Court of Auditors report, highlighting the fact that France accepts far fewer political refugees from Syria than do other European countries, such as Germany, a senior French magistrate told *Le Figaro* on Thursday 16 April that this was inevitable: 'We cannot reach out to these people, even though they come under the Geneva Convention, because the system is already congested with economic migrants who do not leave.'

Clearly, political refugees – and I am thinking in particular of Eastern Christians – are not being helped today because of the influx of economic refugees, who are not refugees in the sense of the Geneva Convention.

Is the Commission aware that many political refugees who deserve our help are not finding a refuge in our country because of the phenomenon of mass hidden economic immigration?

What policy does the Commission intend to develop in the years to come to prevent the perversion of the right of asylum, as defined by the Geneva Convention?