

**Question for written answer E-006919/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Migration from Africa and the Middle East storing up problems for the future?

The Mediterranean is fast becoming a mass graveyard as thousands upon thousands of refugees risk their lives in a desperate attempt to reach Europe. Although the European Union is duty-bound to do what it can to help these people, it must be mindful of the fact that, by doing so, it may well be storing up problems for the future.

This is because migration is stripping the countries of origin of people who are active and strong and want to do something with their lives, leaving behind the people who are less strong and are thus more likely to fall into the grasp of radicals and extremists spreading hatred and terror.

Therefore, stepping up assistance to the refugees can make matters worse for those left behind, by leaving the field open to the extremists and ruthless dictators the refugees are trying to escape. By pursuing this policy we could be storing up problems for the future, as it could result in the extremists becoming stronger and seizing control of much of the Middle East and Africa – a situation that could possibly lead, at some time in the future, to a war between civilisations.

Given the above, what does the Commission intend to do to mitigate the impact of migration and, most important of all, to address its causes so that, instead of leaving, people will stay where they are and join in the struggle for a better system and a better life in their own countries?