

**Question for written answer E-007971/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

**Dominique Bilde (NI), Sophie Montel (NI) and Marie-Christine Arnautu (NI)**

Subject: VP/HR - Islamic State in Syria - Yarmouk camp

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), the situation in the Palestinian refugee camp in Yarmouk, near Damascus in Syria, is extremely worrying. This camp is partly controlled by the terrorist groups Islamic State and Al-Nusra Front.

The Syrian authorities have made numerous attempts to save the refugees in this camp, especially the 3 500 children that are there according to data collected. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) report a serious lack of food and water, and also inhumane treatment and beheadings being carried out by the Islamist terrorist groups that are preventing NGOs and authorities from entering the camp.

What measures can the Commission take to help the victims of violence in this camp and provide them with decent humanitarian assistance?

Does the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy intend to re-establish relations between the Union and the Syrian Government to help the refugees in this camp and also the threatened minorities throughout the country, especially the Christians who are being persecuted?