

**Question for written answer E-009571/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The Rohingya in Burma

Since the beginning of May, hundreds of migrants have been adrift in the Andaman Sea, with some calling this area the 'Mediterranean of Asia'.

Most of these migrants are Rohingya, a Burmese minority group that is considered by the United Nations to be one of the most persecuted minorities in the world. There are one million Rohingya Muslims in Burma, who are deprived of nationality under Burmese law. In the wake of violent inter-ethnic riots in 2012, one hundred thousand Rohingya fled and took refuge in makeshift camps in the Bay of Bengal. Since the beginning of the 2014-2015 winter, hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled the country.

1. Does the European Union intend to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in the Andaman Sea?
2. What measures are being taken by the Union to ensure greater respect for the rights of the Rohingya in Burma?