

**Question for written answer E-009804/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Illegal immigration in Italy and the Dublin agreements

More than 57 000 migrants and asylum-seekers have been saved at sea and given shelter by Italy since January 2015, and the situation is becoming untenable for the country.

According to several Italian newspapers, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi is working on a 'Plan B' to deal with successive waves of immigration. In particular, he is apparently planning to grant migrants temporary residence permits to enable them to enter other EU Member States.

The Italian Government is apparently also planning to prevent European vessels involved in Frontex rescue operations from disembarking rescued migrants at Italian ports to force them to take responsibility for them themselves.

Such measures would be contrary to the Dublin agreements, which oblige the country in which migrants arrive to take responsibility for them.

Is the Commission aware of the 'Plan B' that Italy is planning to implement?

What position would the Commission take in the event of a breach of the Dublin agreements?

Does the Commission think that a potential challenging of the Dublin agreements might create a draw that would attract even more illegal immigrants?