Question for written answer E-011090/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Davor Škrlec (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Integration of immigrants in Croatia

Migration has occurred throughout human history, primarily as a result of climate change, dangers to life, poverty, discrimination, unemployment, or war.

When it joined the EU, Croatia implemented regulations and directives relating to the integration of immigrants. The Croatian Government has adopted a strategy document laying down Croatia's migration policy priorities and an action plan on the removal of obstacles to the exercise of particular rights in the area of integration of foreigners, both covering the years 2013 to 2015.

Research findings (MIPEX) show that the above-mentioned policies are not being put into effect. Croatia does not provide state support for the education of foreign nationals, who are having to contend with the problems of learning the Croatian language, finding a job, educating their children, and acquiring Croatian citizenship.

- 1. Will immigrants on Member States' soil be treated in the same way under the Commission's quota system?
- 2. Can Croatia accept more immigrants than its reception facilities can accommodate, and how might the immigrants' lives be affected?
- 3. As regards the binding naturalisation criteria, and knowledge of Croatian in particular, can the Commission make Croatia ensure that language courses will be offered free of charge or for a token fee, bearing in mind that most of the people concerned are socially and financially vulnerable?

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