

**Question for written answer E-012233/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Syria

In the four years since war began in Syria, more than 220 000 people have been killed and 11 million people have been displaced. The conflict has caused the worst humanitarian crisis of our generation, and has led to a flight of refugees unprecedented in scale since the end of the Second World War.

In view of the escalation of the conflict to include, territories and actors outside of Syria, the humanitarian crisis in Syria itself and in neighbouring countries and the continuing crisis in the Mediterranean, could the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission explain what efforts are being made by the Union regarding the following:

- increasing the number of resettlement places for refugees who are fleeing the crisis in Syria, despite recent developments establishing an EU quota to bring 20 000 refugees to Europe over the next two years;
- ensuring that adequate resources are provided for the emergency response in Syria, and ensuring that existing funding commitments are fully implemented;
- expediting a sustainable political solution to the conflict in Syria which would end the humanitarian crisis in the region?