

Question for written answer E-012707/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Saudi Arabia's refusal to take in refugees

According to a report in the Lebanese newspaper *al Diyar*, carried on the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* website, Saudi Arabia is refusing categorically to take in Iraqi and Syrian refugees. Over the past few years, the Gulf monarchy has apparently already been refusing to extend the validity of work visas held by Syrians employed in the country.

On the other hand, it is reported to be offering to build 200 mosques in Germany and to be in negotiation with Angela Merkel's Government about doing so.

Is the High Representative aware that Saudi Arabia is taking this hypocritical attitude?

Will she condemn Saudi Arabia's refusal to take in Syrian refugees?

What steps will she take vis-à-vis the authorities in Riyadh in order to convince them to take in Iraqi and Syrian refugees who express a wish to enter the country?