

**Question for written answer E-012770/2015
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Obligation for refugees to remain in their assigned host countries

In an interview which appeared in the newspaper *Le Figaro* on Monday, 14 September 2015, Jean Asselborn, Luxembourg's Foreign Affairs Minister, pointed to the importance of the efficient management of operations at the offices where refugees register on entering the EU, so as to end the current chaotic situation caused by the mass influx of arrivals.

'While we Europeans have obligations, so do refugees', he said. 'New arrivals must register at their point of entry. After that, they cannot have freedom of choice. Once they are assigned to a host country, refugees have to accept this. If a family is sent to a Baltic State, they cannot then be allowed to take the first train to Germany or Sweden.'

How – apart from by reintroducing checks at the internal borders of the Union – does the Council think it can ensure respect for the principle of 'once they are assigned to a host country, refugees have to accept this'?