

**Question for written answer E-012771/2015  
to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Temporary 'war refugee' status

In an interview with the French newspaper 'Le Figaro' on 10 September 2015, the former French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for a radical reform of the EU's migration policy. In particular, he proposed that a new and temporary status of war refugee be introduced in the European Union. People granted this status could then return to their country of origin once peace had been restored there, whereas political refugees are automatically entitled in France to a 10-year visa which allows them to travel freely within the European Union.

Faced with the massive influx of Syrian and Iraqi refugees, Nicolas Sarkozy considers that a temporary status of this kind would be the most efficient way of managing the problem of war refugees.

Is the Council in favour of a status of this kind being introduced for war refugees?