

**Question for written answer E-013683/2015/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Dialogue among Member States on the rule of law

At the General Affairs Council meeting of 16 December 2014, the EU Member States 'committed themselves to establishing a dialogue among all Member States within the Council to promote and safeguard the rule of law in the framework of the Treaties', further agreeing that 'this dialogue will take place once a year in the Council, in its General Affairs configuration [...]'.

Furthermore, the Luxembourg Government has included the organisation of a dialogue on the rule of law among the priorities for the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the EU.

With regard to the aforementioned, and taking into consideration that there are only three General Affairs Council meetings remaining before the end of the Luxembourg Presidency, on 13 October, 17-18 November and 15 December 2015 respectively:

1. Does the Council mean to include the dialogue among Member States on the rule of law in the agenda of any of the next General Affairs Council meetings?
2. Does the Council believe that such a dialogue is made particularly urgent by the ongoing situation in certain Member States, including Hungary, with particular reference to the ongoing refugee migration crisis?