

**Question for written answer E-014244/2015
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Support to help humanitarian organisations tackle the migration crisis

At the beginning of this year, the UN launched an appeal for USD 16.4 billion in funding to carry out its humanitarian work worldwide. Half of this money was to be earmarked exclusively for measures to address the Syrian crisis, which has already caused almost four million Syrians to flee their country since 2011 and has left Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan facing a huge influx of refugees.

Today, NGOs are calling on the international community to show solidarity. UN agencies, the World Food Programme, UNICEF and NGOs, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, some time ago began to spend money they do not actually have. Against this background, the additional EUR 1 billion that the EU Member States have agreed to provide is essential, but it is unlikely to be enough to tackle the humanitarian consequences of the migration crisis.

1. What steps will the Council take to ensure that the contributions pledged by Member States do in fact materialise?
2. Will the Council take further steps to help humanitarian organisations deal with the huge numbers of refugees?