

**Question for written answer E-000645/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Abolition by Germany of Schengen visa requirements for Turkish nationals

The German Chancellor announced on Friday, 22 January 2016 that visa requirements for Turkish nationals wishing to travel to the Schengen area would be abolished before the end of 2016.

The Turkish government has obtained this concession for its nationals in exchange for efforts to help stem the massive and ongoing influx of illegal immigrants from the Middle East. There is little evidence of Turkey making any such efforts, as the migratory flows are continuing unabated: the government clearly prefers to concentrate on fighting Kurdish separatists rather than stemming the flow of millions of migrants towards a continent to which Turkey belongs neither geographically nor culturally.

Since the decision by the German Chancellor was taken without any consultation with other Member States of the Schengen area, what will the Commission do to prevent the increased numbers of Turkish nationals who will be coming to Germany from settling in other States of the Schengen area, in particular those where benefits are more attractive?