

**Question for written answer E-001862/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: The humanitarian situation of migrants in Greece

According to the Greek Minister for Immigration Policy, between 50 000 and 70 000 migrants could be trapped in Greece as a result, above all, of the quotas set by the Balkan countries on migrants arriving in Greece.

We are already facing situations which give rise to serious concern, as in the village of Idomeni on the Macedonian border.

The socioeconomic situation in Greece makes it particularly difficult for the country to provide a proper reception for the non-stop flow of migrants, which is likely to worsen with the end of winter. What urgent measures will the Council take to help Greece in the coming weeks and prevent an unacceptable humanitarian situation from occurring there?