Question for written answer E-002053/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Renaud Muselier (PPE)

Subject: Migrant influx and humanitarian aid

The European Union is planning to release EUR 700 million to help deal with the massive influx of migrants in Member States such as Greece, where around 10 000 people are still stranded at the Macedonian border.

This is an unprecedented move by the Commission, involving the provision of urgent humanitarian aid to not only impoverished third countries but also Member States. Christos Stylianides is now urgently seeking support for his proposal from the European Union budgetary authorities, that is to say the Member States and the European Parliament.

While the public may welcome a European solution to the impending humanitarian crisis, the question arises as to how this financial assistance will tie in with government and NGO measures already being taken in the Member States and whether, in addition to funding initiatives, a joint long-term migration policy should be encouraged alongside measures to assist the homeless already present in the EU.

In view of this:

What long-term strategies will be adopted by the Commission to address the concerns of the public in the EU Member States?

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