

**Question for written answer E-002501/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Illegal posting of Italian police officers to Albania to guard its border with Greece

The decision of Albania to close its borders with Greece and to prohibit refugees from entering its territory is an infringement of the agreement of 25 October 2015 regarding the Western Balkan migration route and the 1951 Geneva Convention regarding the status of refugees.

By deciding to cooperate with Albania following the meeting on 4 March 2016 of the Interior Ministers of the two countries, sending officers to police the border between Greece and Albania and effectively supporting illegal actions by Albania, Italy is effectively in breach of the provisions of the TEU and the TFEU requiring EU Member States to act in good faith in their relations with each other.

In view of this:

Can the Commission indicate what action she intends to take so that Albania complies with the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees?