

**Question for written answer E-002502/2016**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: VP/HR - Measures against FYROM to ensure its compliance with international law

Recently FYROM has repeatedly violated international law, as evidenced by the agreements it has concluded.

By closing the borders and illegally banning the entry of refugees, it has violated the Agreement of 25 October 2015 on the Western Balkan Migration Route.

Furthermore, in an attempt to prevent the entry of refugees, armed forces of this state-like entity threw tear gas and stun grenades onto Greek territory, which constitutes a violation of Greek national sovereignty.

Finally, those refugees who have managed to enter FYROM, crossing over near Gevgelija during the incidents of 14 March 2016, have complained that they have suffered physical violence at the hands of FYROM police authorities. By behaving in this way, FYROM has violated both the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.

Will the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say: what steps will she take vis-à-vis FYROM to prevail upon it to stop violating international law as mentioned above?

Given that these actions constitute a violation of the European human rights *acquis*, what impact will this have on FYROM's accession prospects?