

**Question for written answer E-002544/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Measures to force Turkey to implement the EU-Turkey agreement to stop the influx of illegal migrants into Aegean islands

At the EU-Turkey Summit of 18 March 2016, the European Union and Turkey agreed that all new illegal migrants crossing from Turkey into Greek islands as from 20 March 2016 will be returned to Turkey. At the same time, Turkey committed to take all necessary measures to prevent new sea or land routes for illegal migration opening from Turkey to the European Union.

However, starting from 20 March 2016 the number of migrants crossing from Turkey into Greek islands has been growing, which shows that the competent Turkish authorities are not doing much to stop the influx from the Turkish coast and that the mechanism that NATO was supposed to put into place to detect and return migrants is not working.

In view of this:

What measures does the Commission propose to take to force Turkey:

- to respect the deal made at the EU-Turkey Summit of 18 March 2016 to stop the influx of illegal migrants into Greece?
- to put into place the relevant mechanisms to control refugee and migrant flow, therefore, putting an end to illegal crossings into the Aegean islands?