

**Question for written answer E-003345/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Legality of forced returns following the EU-Turkey agreement

Under the intergovernmental agreement signed on 19 March 2016 by the European Union and Turkey, all migrants arriving in Greece from Turkey after 20 March 2016 are to be sent back to Turkey.

The return of migrants to Turkey began on 4 April 2016.

Could the Council tell us on the basis of what safeguards in place can it be concluded that the rights of people returned have indeed been respected as required under EU and international laws?