

**Question for written answer E-003346/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Legality of forced returns following the EU-Turkey agreement

The intergovernmental agreement signed on 19 March 2016 by the European Union and Turkey stipulates that 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 Commission tell us what are the safeguards in place that permit the conclusion that the rights of people returned have indeed been respected as required under EU and international laws?