

Question for written answer E-004210/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: New mandates for conclusion of readmission agreements

EU readmission agreements are agreements signed between the EU and a third State, whereby each agrees to readmit irregular migrants apprehended on the territory of the partner State.

The legal basis for the legislative procedure is Article 79 and Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The European Union has concluded 17 agreements and is currently negotiating with Morocco, China, Algeria, Belarus and Tunisia.

The Commission has recently proposed to open negotiations with Nigeria to facilitate the return to Nigeria of its nationals who are illegally resident in the European Union.

1. In the EU Action Plan on Return published on 9 September 2015, the Commission recommended drawing up a list of priority countries with which readmission agreements should be concluded. Is this list going to be drawn up and which countries will be on it?
2. What measures have been taken by the Commission to ensure the effectiveness of readmission agreements?
3. Does the Commission intend to make the payment of EU aid conditional upon compliance with readmission agreements by those third States?