

Question for written answer E-005008/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Smuggling migrant children

According to the data provided by Europol (report 22/02/2016 page 11-12) 'In 2015, 85 482 unaccompanied minors applied for asylum in the EU' and 'In many EU Member States, unaccompanied minors disappear from asylum or reception centres'. The report warns that 'The group of people vulnerable for labour or sexual exploitation is increasing, it is expected that this exploitation will increase.' Brian Donald, the Europol Chief of Staff, interviewed by The Observer stated¹ that at least 10 000 unaccompanied children had disappeared after illegally entering Europe in 2015. There is reasonable fear that these minors have fallen into criminal hands.

1. What countermeasures is the Commission taking to stop human smuggling?
2. Is the Commission willing to develop a coordinated policy with the local authorities in Asia and Africa in order to eradicate the criminal organisations that exploit human beings and children in particular?
3. Is the Commission willing to conduct or request an investigation into the European people and organisations funding such criminal activity?

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/30/fears-for-missing-child-refugees>