

**Question for written answer E-005370/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Appeal by the United Nations Secretary-General to the Heads of State and Government of the European Union Member States

The UN Secretary-General appealed to the EU leaders gathered in Brussels on 28 June 2016 to play their part in establishing a new global agreement on sharing responsibility for dealing with the refugee crisis and a global agreement on safe, ordered and legal migration. He wants the focus to be on solutions that would save lives, uphold international law and protect human rights.

In particular, he called for measures on:

- (1) resettling more people;
- (2) protecting people, especially children, who make up half of the world's refugees;
- (3) speeding up the asylum process and family reunification;
- (4) combating xenophobia and hatred;
- (5) addressing the root causes of migration.

The UNHCR has published new official figures: there are currently 65 million displaced persons, four times as many as 10 years ago.

In the light of the UN Secretary-General's appeal and of the forthcoming world summit to be held on 19 September 2016 in New York:

What role will the EU play in the global agreement?

What measures does the EU want to see included in the global agreement?