

**Question for written answer E-006373/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Immediate transfer of refugees from the former airport of Ellinikon to other reception facilities while launching the process of relocating them to other EU countries

The situation that has developed over the last few months at the camp at the former Ellinikon airport poses a serious threat to the health of both refugees and local residents, in fact it is a veritable 'health time bomb'.

It should be noted that the refugees were suddenly transferred to this site in September 2015, without any consultation with the local authorities.

Although the Ministry of Migration Policy has promised at least three times to remove the refugees from the inadequate facilities at Ellinikon airport, nothing has so far been done.

Last week the health situation at the site became particularly dangerous when sewage flooded the basement area below the former arrivals building, where at least 1 000 people, including families with children, are currently living under squalid conditions.

According to the local authorities, tension flares up and violent incidents break out virtually on a daily basis at this site among those remaining there, while neighbouring properties have also been damaged and suffered disruption.

Will the Commission therefore say what measures it intends to take, in cooperation with the Greek authorities, to ensure the immediate transfer of these persons from the Ellinikon airport site to other appropriate accommodation facilities, while at the same time launching the process of relocating them to other EU countries?