

**Question for written answer E-006760/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in the Syrian city of Aleppo

Battles for control of the Syrian city of Aleppo, divided between the government-controlled west and rebel-held east, have recently intensified, claiming hundreds of thousands of lives and leaving much of the civilian population without electricity, running water and essential supplies. Around 250 000 people have been killed since the beginning of the Syrian conflict and over 10 million have been driven from their homes.

As the suffering of the population increases, our assistance is desperately needed. A real effort is required from the European Union and international organizations to find immediate solutions to what has become one of the worst humanitarian tragedies of our times.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what efforts it is making to ensure compliance with humanitarian, human rights and other provisions of international law, so as to ensure lasting protection for civilians and medical facilities, as well as safe and unrestricted access to medical aid for all in need?