

**Question for written answer E-007992/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Exploitation of Syrian refugees working in Turkey

The BBC has just reported on the exploitation experienced by Syrian refugees, including minors, working for European companies in Turkey.

In February 2016, the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre accused around thirty European companies of child exploitation. Only four responded to the claim. Other European companies such as Inditex have acknowledged that their inspections revealed a number of Syrian refugees working illegally.

Given the severity of the situation, the Commission's recognition of the EU-Turkey Agreement establishing that 'all migrants will be treated in accordance with the relevant international standards' (E-004004/2016) and the EU promise to improve the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, can the Commission say:

1. What steps will be taken to ensure that European companies meet the Guiding Principles and the responsibility to uphold human rights in Turkey, a potential candidate country for accession?
2. What additional measures will be adopted to guarantee the employment rights of refugees and to combat child exploitation in Turkey?
3. What has been the Turkish authorities' response to the fact that Syrians are working illegally in Turkey and the possibility of making it legal for them to work?