

**Question for written answer E-000005/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Strategy on migration policy

The preeminence of security policy over a policy of cooperation and multilateral conflict resolution is creating a climate in which civil society feels under constant threat (see, for example, the state of emergency in France). This tension, which is not contingent on any particular threat, is sparking an increase in exclusion-based nationalism leading to xenophobia and racism. This in turn is having a serious impact on asylum policy, nurturing a spiral that is having the perverse effect of exacerbating the underlying problem. Xenophobic parties are using the atrocious attacks that have been perpetrated in Europe to campaign against an asylum policy that is already clearly inadequate.

As Mr Juncker has said, 'there is no religion, no belief, no philosophy when it comes to refugees' and 'asylum is a right'.

1. Is the Commission considering a change of strategy, giving preeminence to policies of cooperation and multilateral conflict resolution over security policies in order to reverse the trend and foster a climate of harmony that will reduce the tension that is currently gripping European society?
2. Does the Commission not see the need for a European awareness-raising campaign promoting human rights as a criterion in conflict resolution?