

**Question for written answer E-000964/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Member State decision-making on candidates for relocation

According to Article 5.4 of Council Decision 2015/1601 on establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece, the Member State of relocation may decide not to approve the relocation of an applicant only if there are reasonable grounds for regarding him or her as a danger to their national security or public order, or where there are serious reasons for applying the exclusion provisions set out in Articles 12 and 17 of Directive 2011/95/EU.

Could the Commission clarify the procedures and checks that Member States conduct to establish whether such 'reasonable grounds' exist?

Has the average time period for security checks increased in recent months?

Does the Commission or the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) carry out any monitoring of Member State interviews of applicants, and of decision-making on the acceptance or refusal of candidates for relocation, to ensure that decisions are being taken on a non-discriminatory basis and that the rights of asylum seekers are being safeguarded?