

**Question for written answer E-004791/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: German cap on family reunification of asylum seekers from Greece

An agreement between Germany and the Greek Government has reportedly led to the introduction of a monthly limit on the number of people transferred to Germany under the Dublin Regulation. The cap has been set at 70 people per month. As the majority of transfers from Greece to Germany are based on the family provisions of the Regulation, this seriously affects the situation of asylum seekers awaiting family reunification. According to the German government, about 3 700 persons in Greece are waiting to be reunited with their families in Germany. Under the Dublin Regulation, the Member States have a clear obligation to reunite asylum seekers with their families.

1. Does the Commission consider such a limit on Dublin transfers to be in conformity with the Dublin Regulation?
2. How does the Commission ensure that the Member States do not misuse the relocation procedure to fulfil their obligations under the Dublin Regulation, which would, in effect, amount to reducing the number of asylum seekers transferred from Greece to the Member State in question?
3. How does the Commission ensure that family reunification from Greece to other Member States takes place within the time limits set out in the Dublin Regulation?