

**Question for written answer E-005119/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Abolishing the visa requirement for Ukrainian citizens travelling to the EU, and security of Polish citizens in Ukraine

For a number of years, Parliament has demonstrated its solidarity with Ukraine in various ways. Many MEPs supported the Ukrainian Government's efforts to form closer ties with the EU and develop its economy, and Russia's military activities in Eastern Ukraine have been condemned. The requirement for Ukrainians to obtain a visa to travel to the EU is currently under discussion. Unfortunately, these signs of cooperation have been overshadowed by the attacks on Polish diplomatic posts and memorial sights in Ukraine.

1. Has the Commission considered how Ukraine should be protecting Member States' diplomatic posts, including that of Poland?
2. In connection with the EU 'migrant crisis', has the Commission assessed the possible risk that liberalising the visa regime could lead to attempts to remain illegally on EU territory?