

**Question for written answer E-005713/2017/rev.1  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Margot Parker (EFDD)**

Subject: VP/HR - Nansen passports

With reference to the situation in Myanmar, it has been reported that over 250,000 Rohingya muslims have now mobilised to flee to Bangladesh. These people are able to trace their presence back to the 8th century, yet are being persecuted as Muslims in a mainly Buddhist state.

Burmese authorities are treating them as illegal Bengalis and have denied them rights to free movement and state education.

At present neither Bangladesh nor Myanmar will give them citizenship. The Dalai Lama has even said that Buddha would help the Rohingya.

Would the Vice-President /High Representative request the United Nations to determine whether this is the time and situation to reintroduce the system of "Nansen Passports" for these people who are pawns between two countries with no apparent resolution in sight?