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to the Commission**

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Subject: Failure to comply with the agreement on the reception of persons in search of refuge

On 26 September it will be two years since the introduction of quotas for the reception of people seeking refuge by Member States of the European Union. In the case of Spain, the Government has only accepted 1983 persons out of the initial 17337 foreseen (and still far from the mandatory figure of 9323). Indeed, both UNHCR and the Spanish Commission for Refugees (CEAR) have condemned the fact that the Spanish Government sought to justify this failure by referring to criteria for the reception of refugees which discriminate on the basis of the refugees' nationality. While the Government delays compliance with these measures, people seeking refuge must wait in refugee camps under extremely precarious conditions.

Last July, the Commission opened infringement proceedings against Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic for non-compliance with the reception of people seeking refuge coming from Greece.

1. Does the European Commission also intend to launch infringement proceedings and seek to sanction the Spanish Government for this failure to comply?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take in response to the complaints regarding the use of discriminatory criteria based on the nationality of applicants in the reception programmes?