

**Question for written answer E-001881/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Readmission arrangements

In its press release 'European Agenda on Migration: EU needs to sustain progress made over the past 4 years' released on 6 March 2019, the Commission states:

'To step up return and readmission, the EU continues to work on concluding readmission agreements and arrangements with partner countries with 23 agreements and arrangements concluded so far. Member States now need to make full use of the existing agreements.' Informal agreements modelled on the EU-Turkey agreement, the first of its kind, also exist with multiple countries to facilitate returns.

1. With which countries has the Commission made such arrangements? Can it state what these arrangements consist of, what their legal basis is, and whether it intends to publish them?
2. Can it explain why it has preferred informal agreements over formal agreements? How will it ensure that these agreements can be subject to democratic scrutiny?