

**Question for written answer P-009259/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: New emergency measures for the distribution of refugees in the EU

As part of the European Agenda on Migration, on 27 May 2015 the Commission announced the adoption of initial proposals on migration. One of the principal measures is emergency assistance for Italy and Greece under Article 78(3) of the TFEU in the shape of a scheme to resettle from Italy and Greece 40 000 refugees in need of international protection. The Commission also recommends that European governments should take in 20 000 people from outside the EU who, according to the UNHCR, are in clear need of international protection. Spain must therefore take in 5 837 people.

Jorge Fernández Díaz, Spain's interior minister, has said that the initiative 'will not solve the problem'¹, and the foreign minister, José Manuel García Margallo, said that the criteria used are not proportionate, fair or realistic².

1. Does the Commission think that the Member States ought to act out of a sense of solidarity and responsibility with regard to asylum for refugees?
2. Does the Commission think that the emergency situation in the Mediterranean requires a firm commitment on the part of the Member States?
3. Does the Commission think that the resettlement criteria are proportionate, fair and realistic?

¹ <http://www.elperiodico.com/es/noticias/internacional/bruselas-carga-sobre-espana-mas-peso-reparto-refugiados-4225373>

² <http://www.elperiodico.com/es/noticias/internacional/espana-justifica-paro-oposicion-tener-mas-refugiados-4198002>