

**Question for written answer P-000724/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Amendment of the Danish law on the right of asylum

On 26 January the Danish Parliament adopted draft law L87, which alters the right of asylum with the sole aim of deterring refugees from seeking refuge in Denmark. Refugees' valuables may be confiscated above a threshold equivalent to EUR 1 340: this is apparently intended by way of a contribution to the cost of their stay. In addition, family reunification has been made subject to a longer time lag and may now take place only after three years. Treatment of this sort is an affront to the dignity of human beings who have already been traumatised and, as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has pointed out, is contrary to the European and international principles that protect human rights. In spite of the justified indignation which the Danish attitude is prompting, this is not an isolated case: under German law the thresholds for the confiscation of refugees' valuables are even lower. In the light of this distortion of the fundamental right of asylum enshrined in European and international treaties:

- Does the Commission consider law L87 to violate Article 18 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the provisions of the 1951 Convention?
- What will the EU do to make Denmark and Germany reconsider their shameful legislation?