

**Question for written answer P-002363/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Guarantee that the right to asylum will be upheld in the agreement with Turkey

The European Council recently concluded an agreement with Turkey on the return of persons who have come to the EU from countries in a state of conflict. Little information is available as to how the legal safeguards which these persons enjoy under international agreements will be enforced. Many doubts have been raised about the legality of the return procedure and the EU's ability to ensure that the proper legal guarantees are observed in this process.

How will all those who are at risk of being returned to Turkey be guaranteed the right to asylum?

Who is responsible for processing the asylum applications submitted by persons who are returned?