

**Question for written answer P-002541/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Urgent measures to speed up proceedings and ensure the immediate relocation of refugees from Greece to other EU Member States

In September 2015, the Council of the European Union decided to relocate 66 400 refugees from Greece to other EU Member States. However, it appears that only 569 of them had actually been relocated up 15 March 2016.

According to Mr Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner responsible for migration, home affairs and citizenship, a target of 6 000 relocations per month must be achieved, failing which the entire system will collapse.

Over 50 000 refugees and illegal immigrants are now stranded in Greece, effectively turning it into a dumping ground and causing major social and economic problems in a country already impoverished by memorandum demands.

Given that Greece is no longer in a position to accommodate any more refugees or irregular migrants, what urgent steps will the Commission take to accelerate the relocation of refugees from Greece to other EU Member States?