

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0938/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: Registered Burmese migrants in Thailand affected by the tsunami

A joint IOM/World Bank/UNHCR/UNHCHR/UNIFEM mission to investigate the impact of the tsunami on Burmese migrants in Southern Thailand has concluded that at least 7000 registered migrants and their families have been affected. There are reports of registered migrants who have lost their documents being deported back to Burma.

1. Has the Commission, in the course of its contacts with the Burmese authorities, asked for consideration to be given to the position of registered Burmese migrants in Thailand affected by the tsunami?
2. Can the Commission state to what extent the Thai authorities have endeavoured to obtain new documents for registered Burmese migrants in Thailand, to give them access to humanitarian aid and to guarantee their legal position?