

**Question for written answer E-003510/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Withdrawal of protected status from refugees

1. Is the Commission aware that in some Member States, e.g. in Austria and Denmark, residence permits have been withdrawn from a number of Syrian refugees?
2. How can that be reconciled with Article 11(1)(e) and (2) and Article 16(1) and (2) of Directive 2011/95/EU, which make cessation of protection conditional upon the change in circumstances in the country of origin being of a sufficiently significant and non-temporary nature?
3. Is the Commission willing to investigate this further and take the necessary action to put an end to the practice of withdrawing protected status from Syrian refugees?