

**Question for written answer E-001668/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: 'Resettlement of refugees' from Turkey to the EU

In a press conference ahead of the 23 March 2021 meeting of European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, one of Blinken's advisers, Philip Reeker, said: 'Turkey is a very valued, long-standing NATO ally'<sup>1</sup>. In this context, Josep Borrell, Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, reaffirmed his wish to 'deepen the present momentum and incentivise closer EU-Turkey ties across the board'. The European Union (EU) should therefore propose a number of possible areas of cooperation to allow for a 'gradual, proportionate and reversible approach'. In this regard, Mr Borrell said the Commission would 'rapidly prepare options for continued funding for refugees and host communities in Turkey'. But Agence Europe reported that this would include 'work on migration management, including the resettlement of refugees from Turkey to the EU'<sup>2</sup>. The wording is ambiguous. Should it be understood that in some cases 'resettlement of refugees' to the EU would be envisaged?

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<sup>1</sup> AFP dispatch, 23 March 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Bulletin Quotidien Europe No 12683, 22 March 2021.