

**Question for written answer P-006376/2012/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Milo identification and expulsion centre (IEC)

There have been numerous press reports to the effect that the inmates of the Milo identification and expulsion centre near Trapani are being subjected to menaces and extremely serious acts of violence. There have been reports of immigrants being threatened, bludgeoned and sprayed with fire hoses as well as being obliged to sleep on mattresses spread over dormitory floors and to eat on the ground since canteens are not being opened for fear of possible riots. The Milo IEC is now effectively an administrative detention centre in which immigrants are held for up to eighteen months, not because they have committed a crime but, at the most, for an administrative offence resulting from failure to produce a valid Italian residence permit or simply because they are awaiting renewal of an expired work permit.

According to a delegation of Italian MPs which recently visited the Milo IEC, many of its inmates have already served a prison sentence but instead of being released and ordered to leave the territory or receiving reintegration assistance, they are being held in the IEC in order to be identified, thus reflecting a lack of collaboration between the Italian Ministry of Grace and Justice and the Ministry of the Interior regarding the necessary identification of prison inmates as a preliminary to ordering them to leave the territory following completion of their sentence if they have been guilty of more serious offences.

- Does the Commission not consider that, in the light of such allegations, it would be useful and necessary to request detailed information from the Italian Government on what is happening at the Milo identification and expulsion centre in order to ascertain whether the conditions under which immigrants are being held are in compliance with Directive 2008/115/EC and whether the Italian authorities might bear some responsibility for any human rights infringements?