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Subject: Violation of the human rights of refugees in Hungary

Since 15 September 2015 anyone who tries to cross the Hungarian border illegally is liable to a prison sentence of up to three years and to a maximum sentence of five years for damage to the barbed wire border fence. The police have also been given the right to enter and search private houses without a warrant.

On 17 September 2015, the UNHCR stated that the new laws constitute a gross violation on several levels of Hungary's obligations concerning respect for human rights.

Furthermore, under Article 14 of Directive 2013/33/EU Member States are required to place refugees who are minors under special protection and care, which includes education services.

- 1. Does the Commission consider that Hungary is in the process of violating fundamental human rights protected by Article 3 of the ECHR?
- 2. Likewise, does the Commission consider that the Hungarian Government's laws are compatible with Directives 2013/32/EU and 2013/33/EU of 26 June 2013?

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