

**Priority question for written answer P-003555/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject:     Refugee resettlement forum

The Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, has convened for 9 July 2021 a forum on the resettlement of refugees, to be attended notably by representatives of the United States and Canada and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. On 2 July, the Commissioner said on Twitter that the aim of the forum would be to discuss ways of stepping up resettlement and other safe and legal pathways to protection. On 4 July she added in a blog article that the COVID-19 pandemic had derailed the implementation of resettlement programmes worldwide and led to a drop in resettlement departures, and that it was high time to correct this and take action for the protection of the most vulnerable.

Is the Commission going to force Member States to accept migrants on their soil? What is its view on public opinion in the EU, which is on the whole opposed to migrants being shared out among the Member States?