Question for written answer E-014404/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Miriam Dalli (S&D)

Subject: Climate refugees

Climate refugees are individuals who flee their country as a result of deteriorating environmental conditions. Natural disasters, including earthquakes, landslides and flooding, forced 14 million people worldwide to flee their homes between 2008 and 2014. Climate change is not a natural disaster, but the challenges it presents are critical and must be urgently addressed.

It is believed that, on average, 26 million people become climate refugees each year.

- 1. Does the EU intend to prioritise the phenomenon of climate refugees?
- 2. What are the main preoccupations for the EU regarding this issue?

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