

**Question for written answer E-014915/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Definition of 'refugee', 'asylant' and 'asylum applicant'

There is much discussion nowadays about refugees, asylants and asylum applicants, with all possible connotations, notwithstanding the fact that the definition of these terms is not clear. The definitions that the Commission uses for the terms 'refugee', 'asylant' and 'asylum applicant', and the ways it distinguishes between them, differ from those of the UNHCR.

Could the Commission explain the reason for this?

What is the Commission doing by way of cooperating with the UNHCR with a view to unifying or at least aligning these particular definitions?