

**Question for written answer E-016015/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Activation of the temporary protection directive

This question concerns Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof.

'Temporary protection' is an instrument which is intended to be used in the exceptional event of a 'mass influx of displaced persons'. The directive sets out minimum standards for temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons from third countries who cannot return to their country of origin. It also sets out measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof, and these measures are based on a spirit of cooperation and goodwill. The directive clearly foresees that problems will arise in connection with a mass influx of displaced persons, given that it both sets out minimum standards for the treatment of these persons and emphasises the importance of solidarity and the fact that displaced persons will only be accommodated temporarily in EU countries.

1. Why, in the current circumstances, has the Commission not proposed the activation of Council Directive 2001/55/EC?
2. If the answer to my first question is that the directive is obsolete, why has the Commission not proposed that it be updated?