

**Question for written answer E-015518/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Margot Parker (EFDD)

Subject: Fears of rising violence on roads around Calais

'Lorry drivers and medics have warned of escalating violence between truckers and refugees on the roads around Calais [...] Hundreds of videos of confrontations have been shared on YouTube, with several showing young men hurling litter and rocks at lorries, and drivers punching people they have found hiding in their trailers'.¹

The situation is becoming untenable, and many of these haulage companies are small and medium-sized businesses. As such, their personal livelihoods are at stake as well in these confrontations, as fines are levied on drivers that in a competitive marketplace may be the difference between remaining in business or closing.

All have a duty to uphold the law, and to see that it is upheld, without risking personal injury in so doing.

Can the Commission explain what it plans to do to uphold the law on this issue?

¹ <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/30/lorry-drivers-refugees-calais-warn-escalating-violence>.