

**Question for written answer E-016092/2015  
to the Commission  
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Subject: EU-Africa cooperation on refugees

Coping with the external dimension of the refugee crisis is particularly important in developing a comprehensive European migration/refugee strategy, as is effective cooperation with third countries of origin and transit of migrants and refugees. In particular, the summit held in Valetta, Malta, attended by the African countries, once again set out the guidelines for EU-Africa cooperation and confirmed that the relevant steps will be funded under the newly established Emergency Trust Fund for stability and migration in Africa.

This process is moving forward slowly because, amongst other things, those countries are not effectively cooperating with the EU on matters related to combating illegal migration and applying a more efficient returns policy. Therefore, can the Commission answer the following:

- Given the large number of illegal arrivals from the countries of North and sub-Saharan Africa, what is the reason for the constant delays with concluding readmission agreements between the EU and such countries?
- How does the Commission intend to exert political and diplomatic pressure on those third countries, in order that they will cooperate on readmitting their nationals or the nationals of third countries who have passed through their territory on their way to Europe?
- Which Member States have so far confirmed that they will participate in the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa?