

**Question for written answer E-014932/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Measures to protect unaccompanied minors

The current refugee crisis has highlighted the growing phenomenon of unaccompanied minors. According to UNHCR, in 2014, 51% of refugees were under 18 years old.

NGOs have spoken out against the constant abuse unaccompanied minors suffer, the various deprivations they face in their living conditions, the identification processes they must go through and the fact that are not provided the specialised care that minors need.

Given the vulnerability of unaccompanied minors caused by the lack of concrete measures to address their specific situation, as the Commission has itself recognised (COM (2015) 240 final), and the inadequate implementation of EU legislation in this field (Directives 2013/32/EU, 2013/33/EU and 2001/55/EC):

1. How will the Commission ensure compliance with EU legislation, which provides for the protection for unaccompanied minors and psychological and humanitarian support from trained professionals?
2. Will the new comprehensive strategy announced in the European Agenda on Migration increase the role of Frontex and Europol so as to combat the mafias which engage in the trafficking of refugee children?
3. How far advanced is the Commission's proposal to amend the Dublin Regulation to bring legal certainty concerning responsibility for examining applications for international protection of unaccompanied minors.