

Question for written answer E-016141/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Increase in the number of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in the EU

With the number of children seeking asylum in EU Member States almost double that of the previous year, as evidenced in a recent report by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the problem of unaccompanied minors arriving in Europe over this period is assuming massive proportions. Although the exact number is as yet unknown, it is continuously increasing, making it urgently necessary to provide suitable infrastructures and protection for this particularly vulnerable category.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission have any information regarding the number of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in EU Member States? What is the situation with regard to Greece?
2. In view of the risks faced by unaccompanied minors, what steps is it taking or does it intend to take to protect this particularly vulnerable refugee category?