Question for written answer E-014405/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Miriam Dalli (S&D)

Subject: The Millennium Development Goal of education

One of the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which expire at the end of this year, was universal primary education and for more girls to attend school. As per the United Nations 2015 MDG report, there are currently around 57 million children who do not have access to primary school education. This is an improvement on 2000, when 100 million children were thought to be out of school.

Further improvements in meeting such objectives will result in a better global economy and less expenditure on social welfare and anti-poverty programmes. Better education will also raise the standard of living in under-developed nations, which can in turn lead to less migration.

In light of the above, how does the EU propose to enhance efforts to get more children enrolled in schools, and how should these efforts be combined with strategies to ensure children stay at school and complete their education?

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