

**Question for written answer E-014930/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Need to assist refugee children

On 13 May 2015, the Commission presented a European Agenda on Migration and undertook to launch a comprehensive strategy for the protection and assistance of unaccompanied refugee children.

Unfortunately, however, six months on, no comprehensive proposal has been forthcoming. The need to adopt and implement a strategy for assisting unaccompanied refugee children is now more necessary than ever, given the appalling conditions in which they are forced to live, facing many dangers, such as trafficking for the purposes of sexual or labour exploitation.

What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect and assist unaccompanied refugee children entering the EU?

What measures would it recommend to help those Member States, especially in the Mediterranean, that are bearing the brunt of the refugee influx, to ensure that these children are properly cared for?