

**Question for written answer E-014526/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Statements by President Juncker on Greek-Turkish joint patrols

At an event in Frankfurt, President Juncker repeated his proposal for Greek-Turkish joint patrols, stating: 'The point is - do we have to argue now over 10 kilometers of marine zone, over who is responsible where or to save human lives?'

Given that:

- The Greek people are showing selflessly on a daily basis that the supreme duty of all of us is to protect human lives and the dignity of refugees;
- The refugee problem can be addressed by a comprehensive European plan;
- The borders between Greece and Turkey are the external borders of the European Union, and Turkey is constantly violating Greece's territorial waters and airspace, a fact which is also recorded in the Commission's Progress Report and condemned in the European Parliament resolution on this matter;
- Turkey refuses to ratify the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea;
- Turkish coastguards often accompany refugees' boats as far as Greek territorial waters and refuse to allow them to return to Turkey;

Will the Commission say:

- Can it confirm the above statements?
- Would it be politically more appropriate and effective to give Frontex more powers and staff?
- What moves will it make to force Turkey to respect its international obligations?