

**Question for written answer E-014999/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

**Alessandra Mussolini (PPE)**

Subject: Vaccination of migrants

More than 700 000 refugees and migrants have entered Europe in 2015, in addition to the 2.2 million people housed in refugee camps in neighbouring Turkey. 5% of these people are in need of medical assistance, for accidental injuries, hypothermia, burns, cardiovascular problems, pregnancies and complications related to childbirth, diabetes and hypertension. As far as health is concerned, the main priority is to vaccinate asylum seekers and migrants according to the vaccination programmes of the country where they intend to reside for more than one week, as provided for in the relevant WHO recommendations. This is highlighted in a joint document of the WHO, UNICEF and UN High Commissioner for Refugees published on the occasion of the high-level meeting on refugee and migrant health which specifically demands that all countries give priority to the MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and polio vaccinations.

In view of the above, will the Commission clarify the following:

1. Is she aware of this document?
2. Does she believe that initiatives should be launched in response to this appeal?