Question for written answer E-016135/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Jean-François Jalkh (ENF)

Subject: Health threat posed by irregular migrants

According to a recent report by the French Aids research agency (ANRS), between 35 and 49% of HIV-infected migrants contracted the virus after arriving in France, which means that more than half already had it beforehand.

The study was conducted on a sample of 888 people from Côte d'Ivoire, Mali and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The average age of the women in the sample was 28 and that of the men, 30.

Other reports published in 2015 showed that a sizeable proportion of migrants had various viruses and diseases.

The main cause of this is poor healthcare and hygiene and restricted access to water in their countries of origin.

In view of this situation, the Commission cannot deny that that the influx of migrants into the EU has resulted in higher health risks for Europeans.

Accordingly, how does it propose to protect Europeans against those risks?

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