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to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of the Schengen Agreement and security in the EU

A wave of migrants is flooding into Europe. In one month (from 16 October to 16 November 2015), according to figures from the Slovenian police, more than 217 000 people crossed Slovenia. In that period, according to the same source, not a single application for asylum was granted. We can conclude from this that the people involved were economic migrants.

Slovenia is a signatory to the Schengen Agreement. It is required to protect the external border of the European Union. Most of the people currently entering Slovenia do not have documents. Right now the European Union has a more or less open border which anyone can cross.

Since the flow of migrants shows no sign of abating (all indications are that the flow will continue at the same rate, on average around 7 500 per day), can the Commission answer the following questions.

1. What are the obligations of a Schengen Member State which has an external Schengen border?
2. If a Member State is unable itself to comply with the obligations of the agreement, what mechanisms can the Commission or other Member States use to assist it?
3. Last week we witnessed an appalling act of terrorism in the European Union. Do the Member States have sufficient personnel to ensure the safety of their citizens? Are EU security services and their databases connected?