Question for written answer E-014814/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Maria Grapini (S&D)

Subject: Strengthening EU borders, measures to improve checks on migrants

A question mark has been raised across Europe regarding the whole migrant situation, given that the possibility of Islamic State jihadists hiding among refugees became a reality with the attacks in the French capital on 13 November 2015. The thousands of migrants who continue to arrive in Europe every day say that they have suffered cruelty and terror, and that it is for this reason that they have left the conflict zones.

It was discovered following the Paris attacks that one of the suicide bombers was a migrant with a Syrian passport. That terrorist first entered the European Union area through the island of Leros in Greece on 3 October 2015, where he was identified and checked in accordance with European regulations. The terrorist's passport was checked again in other European countries through which he travelled on his way to France.

What additional measures will be taken to improve checks on the real identity of migrants, and what steps will be taken to strengthen the European Union's borders?

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