Question for written answer E-014967/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Jeroen Lenaers (PPE)

Subject: Unilateral denunciation of EU-Pakistan repatriation agreement

Since 2009, the European Union has had a repatriation agreement with Pakistan. On 23 November 2015, Pakistan announced that it intended to suspend the agreement unilaterally, and that it would adopt a hard line against airlines which nonetheless continued to transport rejected refugees to Pakistan.

- 1. Can the Commission explain the consequences of this unilateral denunciation of the repatriation agreement?
- 2. On 1 January 2014, Pakistan was assigned SAP+ status, which is very advantageous to it. Will the Commission use the country's SAP+ status to put pressure on it to comply with the repatriation agreement? If not, in what other ways does the Commission envisage that Pakistan could be compelled to comply with its obligations?

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