Question for written answer E-016129/2015 to the Council Rule 130 Nikolay Barekov (ECR)

Subject: Migrant quotas and guaranteeing national security

Following the Paris terrorist attacks of 13 November 2015, it has emerged that one of the perpetrators had entered the EU as a refugee on a stolen passport. The passport was in the name of Ahmad Al-Mohammed, a Syrian soldier who had been killed a few months earlier. The terrorist was registered on 3 October 2015 on the Greek island of Leros and continued his journey through Macedonia and Serbia, but his trail goes cold in Croatia. Thirty-nine days later he blew himself up near the Stade de France.

Another attacker, Salah Abdeslam, who is wanted internationally, was seen on 9 September 2015 at the Austrian border with Hungary. He was in a car with two people who had entered on fake passports but whose true identity remains unknown. He was seen again on 4 August 2015 in Greece, boarding a ferry to Italy with Ahmed Dhamadi, who was arrested in Turkey for terrorist offences on 20 November 2015.

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, another attacker, was spotted at the Greek border in January 2015 on his return from Syria. He is thought to have entered under the guise of a refugee, using a fake passport.

How can the Council guarantee that the true identity of the immigrants who are entering the EU and being redistributed on the basis of quotas is established and that there are no terrorists hiding among them?

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