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Subject: Strengthening security

In the wake of the Paris attacks, 11 EU countries met this weekend in the French capital to examine how the EU should step up its security against jihadist terrorism.

It has emerged that the possibility of establishing new controls within the Schengen area − the Spanish Minister of the Interior spoke of setting up border controls − and advocating air passenger records, something that Parliament has rejected on account of this breaching citizens' individual rights were among the measures discussed.

Can the Council give details of the measures it intends to adopt in order to step up security within the EU? What controls will it advocate within the Schengen area and how will they affect the free movement of citizens? Will it advocate recording air passenger names and, if so, how will it implement this so that there is no conflict with individual rights and the protection of citizens' personal data, as Parliament has already warned?