Question for written answer E-002893/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Rachida Dati (PPE)

Subject: Strengthening the European Arrest Warrant

The terrorist attacks in Europe in recent weeks serve as a reminder of the need to strengthen the existing anti-terrorism instruments.

The European Arrest Warrant is a vital instrument for tackling international crime by facilitating the arrest and surrender by another Member State of suspects or accused persons.

On 27 February 2014, Parliament adopted a resolution setting out a series of recommendations for a review of the European Arrest Warrant.

The resolution criticised, in particular, the incomplete and inconsistent implementation of the Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant.

This own-initiative report called on the Commission to bring forward legislative proposals within one year to fill the gaps in this instrument.

Measures to strengthen the procedural rights of suspects under the European Arrest Warrant have already been proposed.

Can the Commission give details of any other legislative proposals it is intends to bring forward with a view to ensuring that this important tool in the fight against international crime can be made fully effective?

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