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to the Commission**

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Subject: Suspension of the Schengen agreements

A new terrorist plot was recently uncovered in France, and it has emerged that the would-be instigator, Sid Ahmed Ghlam, was not acting alone but under the orders of someone based in Syria. Recent terrorist attacks in Europe have been carried out by individuals who left the EU to undergo training in third countries rocked by conflict. More than 1400 French citizens went to fight as jihadists in non-EU countries, and they are now returning to France. What is more, the EU is having to contend with a substantial new wave of immigrants: the director of Frontex estimates that between 500 000 and 1 million people have arrived at the EU's borders so far this year. 'The jihadist threat is now very real' in Europe, according to Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister of Defence.

We can only protect EU citizens if all individuals leaving the EU to fight for jihad or returning afterwards are monitored. The number of cases to keep track of is skyrocketing, however, and the relevant EU services simply do not have the resources or staff they need to cope with this huge problem. Only the Member States have the resources required to monitor their own borders effectively.

Does the Commission plan to suspend the Schengen agreements in order to give the Member States control over their borders once again?