Question for written answer E-010199/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Helga Stevens (ECR)

Subject: Suggestions of France and Germany on the return and processing of migrants

France and Germany, during the talks about a mandatory relocation mechanism, suggested that this redistribution mechanism should function as follows:

- Arriving migrants in frontline Member States would be taken to waiting centres set up close to the
 arrival points. In these centres, with the support of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO),
 arriving migrants would be quickly registered, identified in accordance with EU regulations and
 assigned to the appropriate procedure.
- A proportion of those asylum seekers who are in clear need of protection would be reallocated to
 other Member States in accordance with the agreed distribution key. Other irregular migrants
 would be quickly returned. Frontex support for return operations should be expanded, particularly
 when Member States experience an extraordinary influx of illegal third-country nationals.
- Migrants who fall between the two categories, namely those who are neither clearly in need nor clearly not in need of protection, would have their situation examined in accordance with regular asylum procedures in frontline Member States.

What does the Commission think about this proposal, which suggests concrete and decisive action on how to combat irregular migration while introducing new legal routes into Europe?

Why is it that it did not see the need to include this suggestion from the beginning in its proposal for a Council decision?

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