Question for written answer E-010845/2015 to the Council Rule 130 Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Methods of combating migration

At the latest Council meeting (25 and 26 June) on the issue of migration, the Council considered strengthening methods for combating traffickers, particularly through Eunavfor Med.

On a recent visit to Sicily and Lampedusa, I met with several migrants at the Pozzallo and Lampedusa reception centres, as well as with several organisations involved in supporting migrants. I was told many times that boats transporting migrants are often not carrying any traffickers, with the migrants themselves obliged to pilot the boats.

I was also informed about several situations in which migrants and refugees, often suffering political persecution, are subjected to constant harmful interrogations.

Can the Council please state:

- Whether it is aware of the situation described and does it have an opinion about it?
- What methods does the EU use in the so-called struggle against the traffickers?

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