Question for written answer E-012096/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Sophia in 't Veld (ALDE)

Subject: Watch lists and no-fly lists in the US and the EU

US authorities use so-called watch lists and no-fly lists in order to monitor certain individuals and prevent them from traveling. Persons are listed on the basis of an estimation of the likelihood of their committing a future crime, rather than demonstrating probable cause¹. The US no-fly lists are being shared with 22 other countries².

Which EU Member States and EU bodies use the lists drawn up by the US, and which EU Member States have a listing system similar to the US system?

Does the Commission consider listing a person on the basis of little to no evidence, with no meaningful options for being removed from the list, to be in line with EU legal standards and the Charter of Fundamental Rights?

If not, what steps will the Commission take to make sure EU citizens' rights are protected, in particular in Member States that allow US border authorities to operate on EU territory?

¹ http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/aug/10/us-no-fly-list-predictive-assessments

² http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jul/24/us-terrorism-watchlist-work-no-fly-list