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to the Commission**

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Subject: Reinstating border controls

On Sunday 13 September the German Government decided to reinstate border controls and suspend the freedom of movement of individuals. The next day, Slovakia and Austria announced that they were suspending application of the Schengen agreement. Not one week had elapsed since Commission President Juncker had told the European Parliament: 'this Schengen system will not be abolished under the mandate of this Commission.' While it is true that Schengen borders can be closed under exceptional circumstances, it is equally true that Germany's initial decision has led to a clear domino effect among other members.

- Does the Commission feel that the decision by the German chancellor casts doubt on the credibility or even the authority of President Juncker?
- What measures is the Commission considering given the current situation?
- Does the Commission feel that the decisions to close Schengen borders are infringing on the rights to asylum and refugee status of people arriving on the EU borders? And is this not perhaps in contradiction with Mr Juncker when he also said: 'There is no religion, no belief, no philosophy when it comes to refugees and to those we let in.'?