

**Question for written answer E-015081/2015  
to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Stepping up external borders checks

In response to the slaughter in Paris, at the Council meeting held on 20 November 2015 the Member States agreed to introduce with immediate effect the requisite systematic and coordinated checks at the Union's external borders, including for persons who enjoy the right to freedom of movement.

The aim is to monitor those external borders more effectively in order to safeguard the Schengen area.

It is essential, therefore, to ensure that the Member States honour the undertakings they have given.

Can the Council say how it plans to do this?