

**Question for written answer E-000095/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Creation of border policing mechanism

According to a recent Financial Times report, the refugee crisis has prompted the Commission to consider the introduction of a Frontex-style Schengen border and coastal policing mechanism to be controlled by Brussels and deployed in emergency situations at weak points along the Schengen frontier. According to the report, this measure has been taken in response to insistent demands from larger Member States such as Germany and France.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission confirm the report and say how the new border force will differ materially from Frontex?
2. Does it consider that refugees seeking entry to the EU are a serious threat and should therefore be turned away by bureaucratic or repressive means?
3. Does it consider that such a decision is resolving the refugee problem in a manner consistent with European principles of solidarity?