Question for written answer E-002434/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Rachida Dati (PPE)

Subject: Protecting the victims of terrorism

On 2 December 2015, the Commission presented a proposal for a directive updating the Framework Decision on the fight against terrorism.

Articles 22 and 23 of the Commission's proposal for a Directive concern new rules regarding the victims of terrorism which supplement the Directive of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime.

These articles provide that the victims of terrorism shall have immediate access to professional support services providing physical treatment and psychosocial support. They also provide that the victims shall be immediately informed of their rights, regardless of their place of residence within the EU.

11 March 2016 was 12th European Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Terrorism.

Since the victims of terrorism have special needs, which differ from those of the victims of ordinary crimes, can the Commission provide more information on its proposal for professional support services, psychosocial support and access to information on their rights, in particular for victims who reside in a Member State other than their Member State of origin, as was the case for some of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015?

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