

**Question for written answer E-002601/2016
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Security of all States in the Schengen area threatened by the failures of one or several of its members

On 22 March, two terrorists murdered eleven people at Brussels Airport.

One of them had been sentenced to nine years' imprisonment in Belgium in 2010 for shooting at policemen. After being released in 2015, he tried to join the Islamic State (ISIS).

The Turkish authorities deported him to the Netherlands after the Dutch and Belgian authorities were given information. On his return, he was left completely alone, despite the fact that he had violated the terms of his parole and tried to join the Islamic State.

Furthermore, the American authorities alerted the Dutch last September about the dangerous nature of this terrorist. In addition, it took three months for Salah Abdeslam to be arrested after the Belgian authorities were notified of his address.

Given the absence of border controls within the Schengen area, allowing criminals to move around the area with ease, and in light of the failures of certain Member States on the matter of security, how does the Council:

- intend to act in order to ensure that the security failures of certain States do not affect the security of the entire Schengen area?
- intend to encourage Member States of the Schengen area to pursue a minimum security policy when its failure causes insecurity in all States?