Question for written answer E-006579/2016/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 130 Marie-Christine Arnautu (ENF)

Subject: Deterioration of the situation for truck drivers and residents in Calais

This summer, the situation caused by the presence of 10 000 illegal migrants in Calais who are attempting to reach the UK has deteriorated further.

The lack of security has become intolerable for shopkeepers and locals, who face looting, vandalism and assault.

Car and truck drivers on the Calais ring road are assaulted on a daily basis, as highway robbers cut down trees to block traffic and attack drivers with machetes or iron bars in a bid to force their way into their vehicles. Molotov cocktails are thrown daily at vehicles whose drivers refuse to stop, and the Head of the Port of Calais has gone so far as to declare a 'war situation'.

After travel on the Calais-Boulou rolling motorway also became dangerous, the line was suspended.

Faced with this apocalyptic situation brought about by the EU's failure to take action on illegal immigration, what measures will the Commission adopt, pursuant to Article 72 of the TFEU, to help reestablish safety in this city which has been abandoned to chaos?