Question for written answer E-001420/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Isabella De Monte (S&D)

Subject: Compensation for the relatives of the victims of terrorism

On 19 December 2016, Tunisian national Anis Amri rammed a lorry into the crowd at the Breitscheidplatz Christmas market, killing 11 people and injuring 60.

Fabrizia Di Lorenzo was the only Italian victim of the attack and it has become apparent that her relatives will not receive proper compensation unless a German law from 1985 is modified.

This law actually rules out the possibility of granting compensation for damages to victims of violent crimes committed using a vehicle, car or trailer, as was the case in this particular incident last December.

It therefore appears that, as it stands, only the relatives of the driver who was shot dead by the attacker will potentially receive compensation, while the relatives of the victims of the massacre are only eligible for compensation from the German fund for road victims.

In the light of the above, does the Commission not agree that, in terms of granting compensation, it is unfair to equate the deadly terrorist attack of 19 December 2016 with a routine road accident?

Can it also say if and how it intends to assess the proposal to set up an EU guarantee fund for the victims of terrorism?

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