Question for written answer P-007414/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Philippe Juvin (PPE)

Subject: EU-Turkey cooperation and review of anti-terrorist systems to counter the jihadist threat

Three suspected French jihadists arrested in Turkey at the end of August arrived in Marseilles on 23 September and were not detained by the French police. They were supposed to have boarded a plane to Paris but the pilot refused to allow them to board as the Turkish police had failed to provide the documents required for their deportation. The jihadists then checked in for the next flight, bound for Marseille, with the French police apparently not being informed. On arrival at Marseille airport the three men were not arrested because the Cheops passport reader system, linked to the police database, was not working at the time.

- 1. How does the EU intend to improve cooperation with the Turkish authorities over controls on European jihadists in Turkey and their return to Europe?
- 2. Will the EU urgently revive the Euro-Turkey dialogue through enhanced cooperation on current security issues in the Middle East?
- 3. Faced with the threat posed by jihadists returning to Europe, should the EU not carry out stress and performance tests on national anti-terrorist shields and on the passport reader systems at European airports?

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