Question for written answer P-007825/2014 to the Council Rule 130 Patrick Le Hyaric (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Operation Mos Maiorum

From 13 to 26 October, the Schengen, Europol and Frontex Member States will be conducting a large-scale joint operation to control 'illegal' migration. The operation is called 'Mos Maiorum'. With the aim of dismantling smuggling networks, more than 18 000 police officers will pursue and arrest as many 'irregular migrants' as possible. Parliament was apparently not informed about this operation, nor about which Member States were taking part in it.

- 1. Does the Council not agree that this operation aims to criminalise migrants, that it undermines the rights of the individual and that it presupposes discrimination based on origin or on membership of communities which are already sufficiently persecuted and harassed in Europe?
- 2. On what basis will the individuals affected be questioned and detained?
- 3. The Member States are required to collect as many details as possible about the migrants intercepted: age, sex, nationality, place and date of entry, routes taken. How will this data be used?

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