Question for written answer P-003393/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Queues at passport control in European airports

On 16 February 2016 the Commission's proposal to amend the Schengen Borders Code was adopted. Now it is in force, the identity of all citizens of EU Member States and third countries must be verified on entering and leaving the EU and their identity documents must be checked against the relevant databases. However, in recent weeks there have been long queues at passport control, causing many people great inconvenience. Since the Commission is responsible for implementing the relevant rules,

1.   What is the Commission's view, within the scope of its powers, of the implementation of systematic checks of the passports of all Community nationals upon entry into and exit from the EU?

2.   What is the Commission doing, and what does it plan to do, within its remit, to ensure effective coordination between Member States in implementing these rules and exchanging good practice?

3.   Given the chaos at passport control at various EU airports, what does the Commission intend to do to ensure that security does come at the expense of the rights of EU consumers?