Question for written answer E-001530/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Monika Flašíková Beňová (S&D)

Subject: EU - Turkey immigration agreement

In recent days, the European Commission signed a deal in Ankara which paves the way to a visa-free regime between the European Union and Turkey within three years. At the same time, another agreement was signed binding Turkey to readmit illegal immigrants heading for European Union Member States. Both agreements, however, must still be ratified by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union as well as the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.

Is the Commission concerned that organised crime will grow as a result of the liberalisation of the visa regime with Turkey?

How will the Commission assess Turkey's ability to fulfil the readmission agreement and its ability to manage its borders safely and effectively?

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