Question for written answer E-003670/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Peter Lundgren (EFDD)

Subject: Illegal immigration - EU borders

It is still unclear by what migration routes and from which countries illegal immigrants cross the borders of (primarily southern) EU Member States. Understanding of, and figures pertaining to, these movements are required in order clearly to assess whether countries with which agreements have been signed with a view to reducing migration flows have used them to good effect.

- 1. Can the Commission indicate whether it keeps statistics on illegal immigration or receives them from Member States? If not, why not?
- 2. Can it indicate clearly with which countries arrangements have been made or agreements concluded to stem illegal immigration and, if so, what form they take? If not, why not?
- 3. Can the Commission give a clear overview, preferably in tabular form, of illegal immigration per EU Member State? Which neighbouring countries have illegal immigrants used as a stepping stone to the European Union? Can it provide this information in the form of annual figures for the past 10 years? If not, why not?

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