Question for written answer E-007065/2020/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138 Jean-Paul Garraud (ID)

Subject: PNR agreement between the EU and Canada

On 16 November 2020, appearing before the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Commissioner Ylva Johansson stated that Canada was refusing to conclude the final agreement on air passenger data, otherwise known as PNR, even though a draft agreement had been signed in 2014.

The 2014 draft agreement with Canada authorised the systematic and continuous transfer of all PNR data from the EU to a Canadian authority, and the possible subsequent transfer of that data to other authorities and other third countries.

On 26 July 2016, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) ruled that the agreement, which had been referred to it by Parliament, could not be concluded on the grounds that a number of its provisions were incompatible with fundamental rights recognised by the EU.

- 1. Has Canada explained to the Commission from why it is rejecting the final agreement on air passenger data after signing the draft agreement in 2014?
- 2. Can it say whether other countries have rejected similar agreements?
- 3. Can it say exactly how many terrorists have been arrested on the basis of evidence in the form of EU PNR data?