Question for written answer E-003422/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Possible implications for EU security of German's easing of asylum procedures

German media have revealed the guidelines that the Federal Office for Refugees and Migration received from Federal Minister of the Interior Nancy Faeser to speed up asylum procedures in Germany. They amount to a significant reduction in security checks for asylum seekers.

For those arriving without passports, officials will no longer check mobile phones to confirm nationality, less information on migration routes will be obtained from the Schengen Information System, and data on education and dialect will no longer be collected¹.

The EU is facing its biggest migration crisis since 2015. The German Government seemed to have learned from its migration policy mistakes, as Chancellor Scholz agreed to tighten asylum rules in the EU and the federal government passed a law making deportation easier. Migration pressures in the EU are already enormous, and a relaxation of asylum rules in Germany will inevitably be a factor in encouraging illegal migration to Europe.

- 1. Does this decision not contradict the stated efforts of the European Union to reduce illegal immigration and to improve checks on those who are in Europe illegally?
- 2. Does the Commission not consider that relieving a burden from the German authorities at the expense of the security of Europeans is a decision which is detrimental to the EU as a whole, and does the Commission intend to intervene in this matter to ensure that the asylum process in Germany does not have adverse security implications for other Member States?

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