WRITTEN QUESTION P-2962/06 by Fernando Fernández Martín (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Trafficking in persons

Article 42 of the EU Treaty allows for the communitarisation of certain justice and home affairs issues, including the fight against trafficking in persons in the context of the movement of migrants. Despite the seriousness of the crimes committed by the mafias trafficking in immigrants, the Commission has not to date submitted any measures to the Council with a view to communitarising the fight against trafficking in persons, including immigrants, which would facilitate the adoption of measures at Community level.

Does the Commission intend to do so in the wake of the serious incidents taking place on the Union's frontiers, in order to improve the effectiveness of the fight against trafficking in persons? What are the issues hampering the use of Article 42 and the adoption of specific proposals in this area by the Commission? Does the Commission have a calendar for implementing such measures?

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