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to the Commission
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Subject: Urgent measures for sea rescue

32 people fleeing Libya, including women and children, were left stranded for four days on the British Gas-owned Miskar oil platform off the Tunisian coast in the central Mediterranean. One person has died and many others have suffered due to a lack of food, water and shelter. Despite numerous alerts sent by Alarm Phone to the Italian and Maltese authorities, no rescue operation was initiated.

Sea-Watch was the only rescue organisation to intervene, sending its emergency vessel Aurora. The migrants were finally rescued and are now safe aboard Aurora, after being stranded for days without any assistance.

1. Does the Commission consider the inaction of the authorities a violation of Regulation (EU) No 656/2014?

2. What immediate measures will it take to prevent such negligence in the future?

3. How will it ensure that the rescued individuals are not sent back to Tunisia, given that this would pose a risk of violating non-refoulement obligations?

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