

**Question for written answer E-003330/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Attack against a humanitarian rescue vessel

On 24 August 2025, a humanitarian rescue vessel was attacked by patrol boats of the Libyan Coast Guard, a body that receives financial and logistical support from the EU. According to press reports¹, the Libyan vessels fired shots and carried out dangerous manoeuvres against the rescue ship, endangering both the crew and the rescued persons.

This incident adds to a long record of reported human rights violations linked to the EU's cooperation with Libya on migration control.

In the light of these facts:

1. Has the Commission condemned the attack carried out by Libyan patrol boats against a humanitarian rescue vessel?
2. What actions will the Commission take to ensure that such attacks are not repeated, including requesting explanations from the Libyan authorities, particularly given that the Libyan Coast Guard receives EU support?
3. Does the Commission intend to review its cooperation with Libya on migration in order to ensure full respect for international law and the human rights of migrants and those engaged in rescue operations, suspending its cooperation if those rights are not respected?

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¹ Brito, R. and Magdy, S., 'Libya's coast guard shoots at a vessel seeking to rescue migrants in distress, group says', Associated Press website, 25 August 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/libya-migration-mediterranean-a51cd83d8f2c3d1e99c2cc06c26f3a1e>.