

**Question for written answer E-004366/2025**

**to the Commission**

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**Subject:** EU complicity in abuses under the Italy-Libya Memorandum of Understanding

The Italy-Libya Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed in 2017 and set to renew automatically on 2 November 2025, has enabled systematic pushbacks, arbitrary detention, torture, sexual violence, forced labour and other severe abuses against migrants and refugees in Libya.

Despite extensive evidence from the UN and numerous NGOs, including Refugees in Libya, showing that the EU- and Italy-trained Libyan Coast Guard have committed serious human rights violations, the Commission continues to justify this cooperation as a means of engagement to improve the situation<sup>1</sup>.

Recent incidents deepen concerns: on 12 October 2025, 140 people disembarked in Pozzallo, Italy after being attacked by Libyan militiamen using Italian-supplied vessels; one person was critically injured, and two others were seriously wounded<sup>2</sup>.

1. What is the position of the Commission concerning the continued EU support for Libyan authorities with obligations under international and Eu law, including Articles 18 and 19 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the principle of non-refoulement?
2. What measures will it take to ensure that EU or Member State funds do not contribute to such violations?
3. How does the Commission assess the continued implementation of the MoU considering its obligations under EU and international law, and does it consider that any violations have occurred?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/10/13/italy-end-border-control-pact-with-libya>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mediterraneaescue.org/it/news/dopo-gli-spari-libici-sbarcano-a-pozzallo-in-172-una-persona-in-fin-di-vita-e-due-altre-ferite-gravi>