

**Question for written answer E-005048/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Question regarding the deadly migrant and refugee shipwreck south of Crete

The recent sinking of a vessel south of Crete, with 32 dead and missing displaced persons, contradicts the claims made by the Nea Dimokratia Government about ‘control of the flows’ and the alleged success of the unacceptable measure whereby asylum procedures were suspended for three months.

These events are the norm in Greece and other countries and are the result of the EU’s reactionary strategy, which is now being stepped up with the appalling new ‘Pact on Migration and Asylum’.

The transnational agreements that exist between the EU and third countries aim to further intensify the crackdown, now also featuring modern concentration camps, also known as ‘return hubs’. At the same time, these agreements secure a rightless workforce on behalf of European business groups.

The so-called Solidarity Pool is a cynical agreement between bourgeois governments to share out the crackdown at the borders.

In the light of the above:

1. What view does the Commission take of the call to ensure the rescue of all refugees in distress at sea and at border crossings and their right to asylum with safe passage to their countries of destination under the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees?
2. What view does it take of the fact that, under the ‘Pact on Migration and Asylum’ and its provisions on banishing refugees to concentration camps in third countries, this right is directly impacted and refugees are forced to seek out more dangerous journeys through ‘trafficking networks’, thus endangering their lives?

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