

Question for written answer E-000492/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: New tragedy — crime against refugees in Chios

The tragedy in Chios, with refugees missing, injured and 15 dead, bears the stamp of the criminal policy of the EU and governments on the immigration and refugee issue.

Alongside the unacceptable EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, with priority given to burying the Geneva Convention, a bidding war is underway between the bourgeois classes of European countries and the EU for more barbaric measures, such as deportations to countries ravaged by imperialist war.

New Democracy is putting to the vote a bill that is an adaptation of EU guidelines, with the false title ‘Promotion of legal immigration policies’, which gives a boost to the ‘official’ slave trade, with the bourgeois State acting as an intermediary through interstate agreements, with the aim of securing cheap labour for business groups.

What is the Commission’s position concerning the fact that:

1. the policy of the EU and governments, which prioritises pushing refugees and immigrants back into the sea through repression and refoulement instead of rescuing them, results in tragedies such as the one in Chios and previous ones in Pylos, Samos and southern Crete?
2. this is not an isolated incident, as, on the basis of official data, multiple fatal shipwrecks in the Mediterranean have already been recorded since the beginning of 2026, with hundreds dead and missing?
3. the presence of Frontex in the Aegean is a factor in intensifying repression against refugees, given its role and responsibilities in the crime of the Pylos shipwreck, which resulted in many deaths, and the imminent revision of its mandate with an upgrade of its responsibilities and an increase in its staff?

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