

Question for written answer E-003200/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Mass illegal entry of around 49 000 migrants into Ceuta

According to estimates from the Spanish Ministry of the Interior, around 49 000 irregular immigrants illegally crossed from Morocco into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta within 24 hours. This was a massive violation of an EU external border and a direct provocation challenging the integrity of the Schengen area. The incident raises serious questions about the effectiveness of Spain's border control policy, the operational readiness of the Commission and Frontex and the EU's ability to address the instrumentalisation of migration as a means of applying political pressure.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it consider that the mass illegal entry of around 49 000 irregular immigrants into Ceuta constitutes a serious failure to protect the EU's external border?
2. Will it assess Morocco's role in the incident, as a matter of urgency, and consider whether funding should be made strictly conditional on the country's effective cooperation in preventing illegal departures and accepting readmissions?
3. If Spain cannot or is not willing to guarantee effective control of the EU's external borders, will the Commission consider all available legal consequences, including measures such as Spain's exit from Schengen?

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