

Question for written answer E-003515/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting children in Ceuta during the border crisis

According to the Department of Education, Culture and Youth, the Government of Ceuta has decided that Nuestra Señora de Africa and Juan Carlos I nursery schools will not open until 28 September, rather than 8 September, when they were originally scheduled to open.

Ceuta estimates that the invasion of 30 July 2027 saw more than 80 000 people enter the territory illegally.

The European Parliament resolution of 10 June 2021 (2021/2747 (RSP)) condemned Morocco's use of minors in Ceuta. Article 1(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1359 provides a definition of instrumentalisation, Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights protects the best interests of the child and COM(2023)0298 sets out the EU's approach to mental health.

1. Will the Commission ask Spain to provide information on how the crisis has affected children, including data on absenteeism, schooling, safety and psychological care? Will it recommend an independent assessment and a contingency plan with public indicators?
2. Will it ensure that those affected receive emergency assistance under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, in accordance with Article 31 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1147, and support under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme and EU4Health?
3. Will it assess whether the funds the EU gave Morocco for migration and border management were used in line with the existing agreement and the conditionality it requires, and will it suspend funding in the event of non-compliance?

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