Priority question for written answer P-003428/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Attack on a humanitarian vessel by the Libyan coast guard

On 24 August 2025, the *Ocean Viking*, a vessel operated by SOS Mediterranean that was helping 87 migrants in distress, came under fire from the Libyan coast guard while in international waters. According to the NGO, the boat used by the Libyan coast guard had been provided by Italy under the EU's 'Support to integrated border and migration management in Libya' programme.

For several years, EU funds have been used to assist and train the Libyan authorities in border management. Several reports, from bodies including the European Court of Auditors and human rights organisations, have raised concerns about the monitoring, transparency and efficient use of this funding, and the serious risk of migrants' fundamental rights being violated.

1. Has the Commission carried out an in-depth investigation or specific audit concerning the proper use of EU funds allocated to the Libyan coast guard and related programmes?

2. Does it intend to take any concrete measures – including suspension or reallocation of funding, or even sanctions – against the Libyan authorities following this incident where a humanitarian vessel came under fire?

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