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to the Commission
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Subject: Disbanding of Spain's OCON-Sur unit and protection of the EU's southern border

In September 2022, the Ministry of the Interior disbanded OCON-Sur, the Guardia Civil's elite anti-drug unit, without prior notification to the Anti-Drugs Prosecutor's Office and without any publicly known reason for doing so. Over four years, OCON-Sur had made over 12 800 arrests and seized more than 1 400 tonnes of drugs. The 2023 Annual Report of the Andalusia Public Prosecutor's Office attributed a 78.4 % increase in cocaine entering the port of Algeciras to the dismantling of OCON-Sur. On 8 May 2026, two more civil guards were killed off the coast of Huelva, the third and fourth guards to be killed over the past two years. La Línea de la Concepción is already known as 'little Medellin'. Cocaine entering the Strait of Gibraltar supplies cartels operating in Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg: this issue affects the whole EU.

1. Was the Commission informed of the dismantling of OCON-Sur and did this affect any operation under EMPACT, MAOC-N or Frontex's Indalo operation?

2. Will the Commission propose a mandatory mechanism for Member States to give notification before dismantling anti-narcotic units at the EU's external border?

3. Will the Commission strengthen MAOC-N, EMPACT and Frontex's Indalo operation at the southern maritime border to recover the operational capacity lost by the Guardia Civil?

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