

**Priority question for written answer P-004125/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Incursion of Moroccan warships into Spanish waters during the Ceuta crisis

On 30 and 31 July 2026, while Ceuta was being invaded, Moroccan warships entered waters under Spanish sovereignty without authorisation, according to information subsequently confirmed by the Spanish Government.

The Commission has recently reiterated that Morocco is a strategic partner of the EU on migration and border control, and that the protection of the external borders is a shared responsibility of the EU.

As Ceuta constitutes an external border of the European Union:

1. Does the Commission consider this behaviour to be compatible with Morocco's commitments to border and migration cooperation with the EU?
2. Can the Commission clarify whether it was aware, in real time, of the presence of Moroccan warships in Spanish waters during the Ceuta crisis, and whether it believes these events, which coincided with a massive and irregular entry into EU territory, need to be investigated or require a formal explanation by Morocco?
3. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that the EU's migration and financial cooperation with Morocco is conditional on full respect for the territorial sovereignty of the Member States and on the security of the EU's external borders?

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