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Protecting the fundamental rights of individuals in the EU is key for the Commission. As stressed in previous replies¹, any use of force by law enforcement authorities should always be exercised in a proportionate manner and inhumane or degrading treatment of any individual is unacceptable.

The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights applies to Member States when implementing EU law. National authorities, including the courts, must ensure the respect of fundamental rights provided under their constitutional order and their commitments under international law.

Greek authorities have the exclusive competence and obligation to conclude independent and accountable investigations to determine all relevant facts and take legal action when appropriate.

The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) promotes common respect for, and understanding of, fundamental rights in law enforcement, such as the rights, support and protection of victims and suspects of crime. CEPOL supports the respect of fundamental rights including police ethics and integrity, having 'Fundamental Rights' as one of its four flagship training programs.

Justice and Home Affairs Agencies created a Fundamental Rights toolkit shared with Member States' national authorities to ensure that fundamental rights approach is applied in national training activities.

¹ E-003732/2020, E-005750/2020, E-006692/2020, E-001857/2021 and E-003458/2021, E-000040/2022.