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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the report by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency's (Frontex) Fundamental Rights Office concerning the incident of 3 April 2025. The Commission notes that, in response to inquiries by Frontex's Fundamental Rights Office, the Greek authorities denied the allegations and indicated that the incident was subject to an administrative investigation by the competent services of the Hellenic Coast Guard.

Allegations of violations of fundamental rights at the EU's external borders, including incidents resulting in loss of life, should be investigated by Member States independently and effectively, to establish the facts and ensure appropriate follow-up, where wrongdoing is identified.

Member States have an obligation to manage the external borders in full compliance with EU and international law. The Serious Incident Report mechanism of Frontex does not absolve national authorities of their responsibility to investigate alleged violations of EU law.

The Commission remains in close contact with the Greek authorities, monitors developments closely and has encouraged Greece to establish robust mechanisms for the investigation and follow-up of alleged misconduct.