

**Question for written answer E-008691/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case Sharifi and others v Italy and Greece

Under Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union, the EU accords the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) the same value as the Treaties. According to the recent judgment of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in the case Sharifi and others v Italy and Greece, EU Member States cannot ignore their obligations under the ECHR, nor evade them, when applying EU legislation or bilateral agreements to return asylum seekers to another EU country.

This judgment highlights the mismanagement of asylum systems (especially on-the-spot deportations of immigrants), which, behind the EU's back, is leading to illegal detention and inadequate reception conditions, all under the risk of torture, abuse and other serious violations of the rights protected by the ECHR.

1. Does the Commission consider immigration problems to be the responsibility only of the outermost countries or of the EU as a whole?
2. In this regard, what measures will the Commission propose with a view to coordinating and managing border control and migration jointly and severally in order to avoid such situations?
3. Does the Commission plan to take any action to punish Greece and Italy, following the judgment of the ECHR, for having failed to comply with the ECHR?