

**Question for written answer E-002261/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Anniversary of deaths at El Tarajal

One year ago on 6 February a group of sub-Saharan migrants tried to swim to El Tarajal beach in Ceuta. At least 14 people died that day. The survivors were detained by force and – in violation of international treaties – handed over to the Moroccan police.

This was discussed on 10 March 2014 in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE/7/15371: 'The loss of migrants' lives off the Spanish coast of Ceuta on 6 February 2014').

The EU's migration policy is transforming Europe into a bunker devoid of all humanity by prioritising controls and neglecting one fundamental line of action: the elimination through development cooperation of the reasons causing migrants to leave their countries of origin.

Can the Commission say whether the order of priorities will continue to be the same, with restrictions on migration coming before development cooperation?

Is the Commission aware of any Member States not applying asylum policy properly, in that they do not ensure that the non-refoulement principle is observed?