Question for written answer E-004914/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE)

Subject: VP/HR - Denial of due process, and violation of human rights of Spanish citizens

On 27 October 2013 two young Spanish men, Abdeslam Ahmed Alí and Mohamed Amin Mohamed Dris, were sailing a pleasure craft, seven metres long, under the Spanish flag. Their documents were in order. They had left the Moroccan tourist area of Saidia and were in waters close to Melilla when they were boarded by patrol 116 of the Royal Moroccan Navy.

As a result of this boarding, the two young men received two fatal shots at close range. The seamen of the patrol threw the bodies into the sea and tried to sink the boat with a volley of shots. Autopsies on the bodies confirm that they were beaten up before death.

The Moroccan Gendarmerie recovered the bodies and boat and acknowledged that the young Spanish men had been doing nothing illegal.

To date the authorities have given no explanations of the deaths of the young people.

- What have the Spanish authorities done to investigate the deaths of two European citizens at the hands of the Royal Moroccan Navy?
- What action is the Commission thinking of taking in response to the relatives who, 17 months after losing their sons, are denied due process of the law?

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