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to the Commission
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Subject: Desirability of a transparent evaluation of the involvement of Member States in the Triton and Poseidon operations

It is certainly true that Triton and Poseidon have made it possible to rescue migrants. It is also certainly true that traffickers bear a huge responsibility. But the European Union must do more in the Mediterranean, which is the most dangerous border in the world.

The limitations of Triton and Poseidon are now becoming apparent, because their mandates are limited: assisting migrants is secondary to guarding borders. The extraordinary European Council responded to this situation by deciding to allocate more financial, material and human resources to Triton and Poseidon, without extending their scope. These measures will bring some relief to the overstretched Frontex authorities, but without tackling the problems associated with migration.

Details of States' contributions are opaque, whereas it ought to be possible to assess precisely the commitments of the 21 and 19 States respectively that are participating in Triton and Poseidon.

Could the Commission submit as soon as possible a precise overview of the two operations, indicating the resources committed by each State and giving a complete operational status report?

I would observe that the European Parliament ought to be involved in the regular and transparent assessment of States' contributions to Triton and Poseidon.