

**Question for written answer E-004806/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: New migration partnership framework and respect for human rights

On 7 June 2016, the Commission set out its plans to expand its partnerships with non-EU countries concerning migration management. Some of the countries concerned, it should be noted, are run by authoritarian regimes that do not respect human rights.

The short-term priorities will be, and I quote, “saving lives at sea, increasing returns” and then “in the long term, helping third countries’ development”. This approach to the problems of migration poses a great many questions, not the least of which is clearly that of promoting respect for human rights.

How will the Commission promote respect for human rights through its new migration partnership framework?

What hope is there that entering into partnerships with the very governments migrants are fleeing from will bring about respect for migrants’ rights and better prospects for the future in migrants’ own countries?