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to the Commission**

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Subject: Mediterranean border

Hundreds of migrants have docked in Messina, Sicily. They were the lucky ones, as more than 300 hundred others died last week trying to cross the Mediterranean. Some of the new arrivals had survived after their rubber boat had deflated; 97 others are missing, presumed dead. It seems that the Mediterranean is the most dangerous border crossing on the planet. According to the International Organisation for Migration, the death toll has spiked this year, reaching a record high of 4 636 after the latest sinkings, which are unlikely to be the last of 2016.

What measures is the Commission taking to stop and prevent such unfortunate situations, especially those on the Mediterranean border?