

**Question for written answer E-007788/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights violations in Sudan using Community funds

In its latest report, the NGO 'Enough' accused the EU of funding armed militias, such as the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) which are accused of genocide, through the Better Migration Management programme under the EU Trust Fund for Africa.

The current strategy on migration aims to block migration routes by cooperating with countries such as Sudan, the President of which, Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir, faces two arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for crimes against humanity, and the government of which is using armed groups such as the RSF for border control duties.

Considering that the facts described above constitute a clear violation of the Treaties (Article 3(5) TEU), of the main agreements and agreed EU strategies in this area (Khartoum Process, the Partnership Framework on Migration) and of the conclusions of the recent African Union/European Union summit, I would like to ask the VP/HR:

1. Can assurances be provided to the effect that no Community funds have been used by armed militias to carry out human rights violations in the Horn of Africa?
2. What monitoring and investigations have been carried out in this regard?
3. What role will be assigned to the special task force created jointly with the African Union and the United Nations in implementing this strategy?