

**Question for written answer E-000392/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Slave auction in Libya

Recently recorded material released to the international media and reports by international organisations have confirmed that migrants and refugees are being sold at auction in Libya by people smugglers. Individuals being bought at public sale reminds us of one of the darkest episodes of human history.

On 14 February 1957, Libya acceded to the UN Slavery Convention, which states that severe penalties will be imposed if laws enacted with a view to giving effect to it are breached.

Is the Commission aware of the situation in Libya?

If so, can it outline what the EU is doing to prevent and combat the slave trade in the country?

Furthermore, what has been done to encourage Libya to fully comply with its international human rights obligations?