

**Question for written answer E-003554/2018  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Migrant deportations by Algeria

The Director General of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has recently drawn attention to inhumane actions by Algeria in deporting sub-Saharan migrants. According to the Director General, these migrants, including pregnant women and children, are abandoned at the border with Niger or Mali in the desert. With no food or water, they are forced to walk several hours in scorching temperatures in search of shelter. According to the IOM, Algeria has expelled 13 000 people in these conditions since May 2017. Repatriating unauthorised migrants should follow international regulations and must rigorously respect human rights.

Human rights are an essential component of the political dialogue carried out in accordance with the Association Agreement between the EU and Algeria. Furthermore, migration is one of the priorities set out for 2016-2020 in the European Neighbourhood Policy, which includes Algeria. In the light of this, what measures is the EU going to take to investigate the situation described above, and to confront the Algerian authorities with their duty to treat migrants in a humane way, irrespective of their legal status?