

**Question for written answer E-004396/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Suspected breach of the rights of the migrants rescued by the vessel Diciotti

On 20 August 2018, the Italian authorities authorised the vessel Diciotti to dock in the port of Catania without allowing the 177 migrants on board, who had been rescued between 15 and 16 August, to disembark.

On 22 August, 27 minors were allowed to disembark; the remaining 148 migrants received authorisation to do so between 25 and 26 August.

1. Does not the Commission consider that the refusal to permit the migrants to disembark breached their right of access to the asylum procedure, bearing in mind also the assumed nationality of the migrants, most of whom were Eritrean and therefore 'in clear need of international protection'?
2. Does not the Commission consider that the prolonged deprivation of liberty, as well as the fact that the migrants were compelled to stay on board in overcrowded conditions, mixed together, could be considered to constitute a probable breach of Articles 5 and 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights?
3. What view does it take of the apparent transfer of some of the disembarked migrants from the vessel Diciotti to Albania – a country outside the common European asylum system – and above all, will it check whether their consent was obtained before they were transferred to a country outside the EU, and whether they were informed of their rights first?