

**Question for written answer E-002654/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Provision of information from EU maritime surveillance to the Libyan coastguard

The EU border agency Frontex carries out maritime surveillance operations on the basis of Regulation (EU) No 656/2014. Frontex provides information to the Libyan coastguard in order that, wherever possible, the latter pick up refugees before they reach European maritime rescue zones so as to return them to Libya. Since the European Union has not acceded to the Council of Europe as required and is therefore not subject to the jurisdiction of the Convention on Human Rights, proceedings cannot be brought before the Court of Human Rights against Frontex in this connection.

What is the legal basis for Frontex and EUNAVFOR MED to provide maritime surveillance information to the Libyan coastguard, and to what extent is this disclosure of information limited to cases of ships in distress at sea?

In how many cases has Frontex provided operational information from maritime surveillance to the Libyan coastguard in the framework of operations covered by Regulation (EU) No 656/2014 and how many of these cases concerned ships and boats in distress?

In how many cases have EUNAVFOR MED and/or the military mission's Italian headquarters supplied operational information arising from maritime surveillance to the Libyan coastguard under the mandate which expires on 30 September 2019, and how many of these cases concerned ships and boats in distress?