

**Question for written answer E-000379/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Yet more European taxpayers' money sent to an Islamic dictatorship

On 23 January 2019, the Commission announced that the EU was granting Tunisia more than EUR 300 million¹, under the pretext of allegedly investing in young people, entrepreneurship and better living conditions for Tunisians.

1. Part of this massive aid package is intended to improve the 'position of young people'. Does the Commission agree that these young people's futures should not lie in Europe under any circumstances?
2. Previous aid packages to other Islamic dictatorships like Afghanistan and Chad proved to be completely futile and riddled with fraud. How can the Commission guarantee that this aid to Tunisia will not suffer the same fate?
3. How can it justify pouring money into Africa time and time again, while in the Netherlands, for example, cuts are constantly being made to pensions and care?

¹ Source: "Youth, entrepreneurship and better living conditions spearheads of new EU record assistance to Tunisia", http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-529_en.htm (24.1.2019).