

**Question for written answer E-001334/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Readmission agreements with third countries

Despite beginning in the 2000s, negotiations between the EU and Morocco on a potential readmission agreement are still ongoing. For domestic and foreign policy reasons, Morocco is not interested in signing an agreement with the EU. Meanwhile, Algeria is interested in only limited cooperation in just a few areas.

The EU has been pursuing the wrong strategy. Despite managing to sidestep a deal, Morocco has received a lot of money for migration management and control.

The EU is being held to ransom by the third countries to which it has outsourced migration control. In a bid to win economic and political concessions from the EU, Morocco has repeatedly threatened to scale back its border checks. In spite of this, the country has been granted advanced status ¹.

In future, will the EU tie the granting of funds and concessions to third countries to progress made in negotiating readmission agreements?

¹ Kevin Kaiser, 'EU-Morocco negotiations on a readmission agreement: obstacles to a successful conclusion', EU Diplomacy Paper 07/2019, College of Europe, (1–31), pp. 10, 22 and 24.