

Question for written answer E-000733/2021/rev.1
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Expanding the mandate of Operation IRINI

The mandate of the EUNAVFOR MED IRINI military crisis management operation is due to expire on 31 March 2021. Expanding and strengthening the operation by increasing the resources provided and boosting staff numbers, together with signing a new cooperation agreement with NATO, are under discussion.

1. What is the Council's assessment of the effectiveness of Operation IRINI so far? What shortcomings would the new mandate address?
2. Why does the Council support a cooperation agreement with NATO? Would this also include the capacity to board ships without the consent of the captain?
3. Does the Council know which EU Member States or non-EU countries are supporting the Libyan navy or coastguard with equipment and training under their sole responsibility and not in coordination with Operation IRINI? What does this involve?