

**Question for written answer E-002734/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Use of children and minors by Morocco to storm the Spanish border at Ceuta

The Moroccan Ambassador to Spain has tacitly acknowledged<sup>1</sup> that the illegal entry into the city of Ceuta of thousands of people on 18 May was Morocco's 'diplomatic' response to the humanitarian aid provided by Spain to the leader of the Polisario Front.

This new instrumentalisation of immigration by Morocco to blackmail Spain and the EU has crossed all boundaries following the Moroccan Government's use of children and minors in the mass illegal entry into Spanish territory<sup>2</sup>, a situation that could have ended in tragedy<sup>3</sup>.

Morocco is the largest recipient of financial aid in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) strategy. However, in a recent report the European Court of Auditors concluded that aid through direct transfers from the EU to Morocco between 2014 and 2018 had had 'limited results' and a 'limited ability to support reforms in the country'.

1. Will the Commission launch an investigation into the political use of illegal immigration by Morocco and its violation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child following the events in Ceuta?
2. Will the Commission advocate an audit to assess the proper use of EU funds by Morocco?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.abc.es/espana/abci-embajadora-marruecos-espana-actos-tienen-consecuencias-y-tienen-asumir-202105181526\\_noticia.html](https://www.abc.es/espana/abci-embajadora-marruecos-espana-actos-tienen-consecuencias-y-tienen-asumir-202105181526_noticia.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://elfarodeceuta.es/ninos-marruecos-engano-diciendo-ronaldo-jugaba-ceuta/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.elindependiente.com/espana/2021/05/18/militares-y-guardias-civiles-salvan-la-vida-a-ninos-marroquies-en-ceuta/1619586/image/1619664>