

**Question for written answer E-005550/2021**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject: Criticism of EUBAM in Libya

The Council has referred this issue to the High Representative.

In September, Muhammad Issa, deputy minister for political affairs at the Libyan foreign ministry, criticised the European Union Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) for interfering in internal affairs. He said that EUBAM Libya should stick to its remit in the country, adding that other international organisations were also pursuing 'other objectives' rather than seeking to play an active role in Libya. The relevant authorities should therefore lay down rules for international organisations.

1. What is the VP/HR's assessment of EUBAM Libya's cooperation with the Libyan authorities, and what evidence is there that the new Libyan Government is appreciative of the mission?
2. What criticism has the new Libyan Government levelled at the European External Action Service or EUBAM Libya, and how have they reacted to the criticism?
3. What support in the areas of equipment or logistics has the new Libyan Government sought from EUBAM Libya, and how is the request being handled?