

**Question for written answer E-001080/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Moroccan diplomatic blackmailing of Spain and Europe by means of migration management

On 2 and 3 March 2022, Spain's Autonomous City of Melilla experienced the biggest rush on its borders with Morocco in its history: in excess of 4 000 immigrants tried to cross. More than 900 illegally gained entry into European territory. The assault had been perfectly organised and turned violent: more than 70 Spanish agents were injured¹.

Spain has denounced Morocco's inaction and complicity in this violent event. Once again, Morocco is using border controls and immigration to exert political pressure on a Member State and on the EU as a whole, a state of affairs that the European Parliament condemned in resolution 2021/2747 (RSP)².

Since 2007, Morocco has received EUR 13 billion in EU aid and, between 2018 and 2021, some EUR 250 million for migration cooperation. Those funds were intended to ensure that Morocco controls its borders.

Given that Melilla's borders are external EU borders and therefore their protection and security concerns the entire EU, and in the light of Morocco's repeated failure to fulfil its commitments to the EU with regard to migrant mobility and border control:

1. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that Morocco fulfils the commitments for which it receives huge sums of European public money?
2. Is the Commission considering revising and/or suspending the agreements and programmes signed with Morocco?
3. Has the Commission complied with resolution 2021/2747(RSP)?

¹ https://www.abc.es/espana/abci-malestar-gobierno-rabat-saltos-valla-melilla-202203040058_noticia.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0289_EN.html