

**Question for written answer E-002407/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Deaths at the Moroccan-Spanish border crossing in Melilla

Last weekend at least 18 people died and more than 80 were injured trying to cross the border between Morocco and Melilla. This is not the first time that we have witnessed the devastating effects of the bilateral agreements signed between Member States and third countries on migration control, which violate numerous rights under international law.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission going to investigate the events that occurred at the border between Morocco and Spain, and determine accountability for them?
2. How is the Commission ensuring that EU migration policy respects human rights in the framework of Member States' bilateral agreements with third countries?
3. In light of the new package of April 2022, how will the Commission's revised approach to legal migration ensure that events such as these do not happen again?