

**Question for written answer E-002429/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Brutal crime perpetrated against refugees in Melilla

The savagery of the police attack on refugees seeking to enter the Spanish enclave of Melilla, targeting victims who were already half-dead, claiming 23 lives and leaving dozens injured, is a tragic reflection on the harsh line being taken by the EU against refugees and migrants and the terms of its bilateral agreements with transit countries such as Morocco, whose forces were responsible for the massacre.

The words of congratulation spoken by the Spanish Prime Minister to the perpetrators for preventing what he described as an 'invasion' speak volumes about the true nature of the progress and 'solidarity' being proclaimed by 'left-wing governments' and the EU.

The brutality shown towards those uprooted as a result of NATO and EU interventions in countries such as Libya, Afghanistan, Syria is all the more blatant when contrasted with the concurrent policy of 'legal migration' that allows Ukrainian refugees to provide cheap labour for large employers.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of the treatment of refugees as 'invaders' and 'hybrid threats' at the borders of the Member States, culminating in brutal crimes such as the one perpetrated in Melilla?
2. What does it think of the hard line constantly taken by the EU and national governments against refugees, either treating them as cheap labour for large companies, as in the case of Ukrainian refugees, or simply denying them the right to seek asylum?