

**Question for written answer E-003311/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Donation of vessels to the Libyan Coastguard

According to recent and reliable reports, the Italian authorities are repairing two vessels to be used for search and rescue purposes. Allegedly, these vessels will be donated to the Libyan Coastguard (LCG) and the General Administration for Coastal Security, together with three other vessels. The full funding of these five vessels would take place under Phase 2 of the Integrated Border Management project<sup>1</sup> and would be granted via a contribution agreement signed between the Commission and the Italian authorities in 2020.

1. Can the Commission confirm and/or clarify any intention to donate vessels to the Libyan authorities either directly or indirectly from the EU budget? Can the Commission also confirm and/or clarify the aforementioned contribution agreement with the Italian authorities?
2. Can the Commission release the full contribution agreement to Parliament, given its budgetary accountability to Parliament as established by Articles 14 and 17(8) of the Treaty on European Union? If not, please substantiate why.
3. The Commission has previously said that 'third-party monitoring' of assistance to the LCG takes place in order to ensure 'respect of the "do no harm" principle'. Are any new indirect donations, including of these five vessels, being made on the condition that human rights are fully respected?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/region/north-africa/libya/support-integrated-border-and-migration-management-libya-second-phase\\_fr](https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/region/north-africa/libya/support-integrated-border-and-migration-management-libya-second-phase_fr)