Question for written answer E-003753/2022 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: IRINI and Frontex cooperating closely

In the Mediterranean, Operation IRINI works closely with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex). They not only share information but aircraft too. Situation reports are exchanged on a daily basis and flights are planned jointly in the Libyan maritime rescue area.

- 1. What specific forms of cooperation exist between Operation IRINI and Frontex, and when were they introduced?
- 2. What exact information is exchanged and how often are situation reports and/or flight plans shared?
- 3. To what extent do IRINI and Frontex also share their own or leased aircraft or coordinate their flights in the Libyan maritime rescue area?

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