

Question for written answer E-000220/2023

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Operation IRINI measures to combat oil and fuel smuggling

The purpose of the EU military mission in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) is to help implement the Libya arms embargo in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1970 (2011), 2292 (2016) and 2473 (2019), using aerial, naval and satellite reconnaissance

1. How many cases of oil smuggling from Libya and fuel smuggling to Libya have been detected by Operation IRINI since 2020?
2. Where were the vessels in question subsequently diverted to and what happened to the cargos?
3. In which instances did an owner of the contraband come forward and what was then done with a view to 'returning' it?

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