

**Question for written answer E-002353/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Offers to the Greek Coast Guard to deploy drones

In the case of the sinking of the ship off the coast of Pylos, Frontex claims to have twice offered the Greek Coast Guard to send a drone to the maritime emergency. However, the authority is said to have refused one such offer and to have failed to reply to another. Frontex has been operating an Israeli manufactured military drone registered under the Maltese Air Force since 2021 and another registered under the Greek Air Force since 2022.

1. In how many maritime emergencies identified by Frontex on the basis of its own intelligence, has Frontex offered the deployment of a drone to the Greek Coast Guard and when did it do so in each case?
2. In how many maritime emergencies that have come to the attention of Frontex via Navtex or other channels, has Frontex offered the deployment of a drone to the Greek Coast Guard and when did it do so in each case?
3. In which of these cases did the Greek Coast Guard reject these offers and in which cases did Frontex consider this to be justified?

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