Question for written answer E-000032/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Isabel Santos (S&D)

Subject: Frontex sharing migrant boat coordinates with Libyan militia

At a time when another tragedy in the Mediterranean claimed the lives of 60 people when a vessel capsized off the coast of Libya, the European Union is facing allegations that once again leave Frontex shrouded in controversy.

This time, information obtained by a group of journalists from a number of international media outlets indicates that Frontex has sent the coordinates of migrant boats in distress to the most violent Libyan militia: Tareq Bin Zeyad.

Reports claim that Frontex shared the coordinates of migrant boats with the militia, which took them back to Libya, where they were used as a commodity for slave labour networks. At least 1 000 migrants have already been taken back to Libya under these circumstances.

Not only is the practice of forced pullbacks illegal under international law, they are too immoral to be allowed to continue unabated.

It is not the first episode of this nature.

In the light of these allegations, what investigation will be carried out and how does the Commission intend to put an end to this kind of information sharing?

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