

Question for written answer E-000084/2024

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

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Subject: Coordination and security measures in the Red Sea and EU strategies in response to the crisis

The security situation in the Red Sea is seriously deteriorating due to attacks by Houthi rebels from Yemen. This instability has led to shipping routes being diverted via the Cape of Good Hope, with significant increases in transport costs and time.

The Suez Canal, which is essential for trade between Asia and Europe, accounts for 40% of this trade and 12% of global shipping of oil, as well as many other essential products.

EU Member States' responses to the crisis have varied. Some States have joined the US-led naval task force 'Prosperity Guardian', while others are still at the assessment stage, which highlights the lack of a unified European strategy.

In light of the above:

1. How does the High Representative / Vice-President intend to promote effective coordination between EU Member States to tackle this crisis in a unified and structured manner, avoiding fragmented actions that could further aggravate the situation?
2. Can he provide details on the planned initiatives to ensure and improve the safety of maritime traffic in the Red Sea?
3. Can he explain what strategies will be adopted to involve international and regional partners in resolving the Red Sea crisis?

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