

**Question for written answer E-000457/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Murder of two Guardia Civil officers by drug traffickers in Barbate (Cádiz)

On Friday, 9 February, a gang of drug traffickers murdered two Guardia Civil officers and seriously injured two others in the port of Barbate (Cádiz). According to video footage, the drug traffickers' speedboat attacked the Guardia Civil's inflatable patrol vessel by ramming it. The criminals clearly had the upper hand in terms of equipment.

On 16 September 2022 the Ministry of the Interior disbanded the Guardia Civil's OCON Sur anti-drug trafficking task force after four years of successful work. In the meantime, drug trafficking is gaining ground in Spain's ports. The Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, has already expressed concern at this. In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider that the Spanish Government needs to provide greater resources to combat drug trafficking in Spanish ports?
2. Does the Commission consider disbanding the OCON Sur task force to be well advised given the increase in organised crime in Spanish ports?

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