

**Question for written answer E-000613/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: EU-Mauritania migration cooperation

On 8 January 2023, the President of the Commission conducted a working visit to Mauritania. According to reports¹, the Commission committed to a package of financial support worth EUR 200 million. In December 2023², Parliament concluded that refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Mauritania constantly face serious systemic human-rights violations and ill-treatment such as *refoulement*, arbitrary arrests and detention, (gender-based) violence, including cases of torture, exploitation, abusive detention conditions, and abusive collective expulsions to Senegal and Mali. Parliament further took the position that material support for Mauritania's border authorities should be conditional on full respect for fundamental rights and that monitoring should be carried out.

1. Does the Commission agree with Parliament's analysis, and in what way does it apply fundamental rights monitoring and attach conditions to migration cooperation funding?
2. Is the Commission planning to provide the Parliament, as budgetary authority, with a full breakdown of all financial commitments made to Mauritania in the field of asylum and migration, including any new commitments made during the visit by the President of the Commission?
3. During her visit, did the President of the Commission discuss the negotiations with Mauritania on the Frontex Status Agreement and what is the state of play of these negotiations?

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¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/feb/08/spain-and-eu-to-sign-migration-deal-with-mauritania-as-people-smuggling-rises>.

² Texts adopted, P9_TA(2023)0428.