Question for written answer E-000975/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Isabel Santos (S&D)

Subject: EU-Tunisia migration agreement

The Financial Times has recently reported on the EU's plan to pay out up to EUR 164.5 million under an agreement concluded in 2023. The funds are designed to help Tunisian forces manage migration policy, in an attempt to cut the number of migrants arriving in Europe.

The figure is much higher than the funds initially earmarked for that purpose and the human rights situation in Tunisia raises even more concerns.

There are worries that the funds could potentially strengthen the Saied regime, leaving more migrants to have their human rights violated in the most vile manner.

Given that more than EUR 6 million have been spent on agreements of this kind over the last six years:

- How does the Commission reconcile this situation with the EU's human rights commitments?
- 2. How is the use of those funds being monitored and what conclusions can be drawn?
- 3. What issues have arisen in countries with these kinds of agreement, and what measures have been adopted to ensure human rights are fully upheld by the authorities?

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