

ORAL QUESTION H-0466/06

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to the Commission

Subject: Migration flows from Africa to the EU

Migration flows from sub-Saharan Africa to the EU are increasing daily. Spain, like Italy and Greece, has a geographical situation that makes it a natural point of entry to the EU as well as an external border, and the number of people arriving in the Canary Islands is reaching a level which requires rational planning of these flows and methods of dealing with them on a European scale.

In view of the dramatic situation, will the Commission propose specific budgetary measures to meet this challenge? Would it be possible to use the EDF, which is not actually a Community fund, or development aid, or even the stability instrument? If there has been a significant reduction in amounts of aid for Africa in the multiannual budget allocation under the financial perspective 2007-2013 by comparison with the previous financial perspective, what instruments might the Commission use to finance new appropriations?

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