

**Question for written answer P-000250/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Costa Concordia disaster - lack of checks

Given the time that has elapsed since the Costa Concordia accident in January 2012, can the Commission state whether it has launched the requisite procedures to check whether the Italian authorities, the shipping line and certification bodies complied not only with the safety standards applicable to crews, passengers and the environment – and notably those laid down in Directive 2009/45 of 6 June 2009 and in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) of 1974 – but also with the emergency measures to be taken in the event of an accident that may have prevented this tragedy, which occurred just metres from the coast.

When assessing whether EU law – and notably the rights of the crew and the passengers – were respected, one should bear in mind that the ship was in close contact before, during and after the event with the shipping company and with the Italian authorities (which, moreover, have in the past tolerated risky navigational practices such as that of 'taking a bow'), and that the shipping company and Italian authorities were also in constant touch with one another, meaning that the necessary action could easily have been taken.