

**Question for written answer P-009204/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Misappropriation of EU funding

The EU is strongly committed to working for civil society in its near neighbourhood, not least through the provision of sizeable financial assistance, and the development of civil society is undeniably an important part of Mrs Mogherini's global strategy for the EU and reflects our desire to help our neighbours increase the resilience of their societies.

Our conduct in this field has to be exemplary.

It seems, however, that the funding allocated by the Union may on occasion be misused, as was shown by OLAF's in its 2008 report on the diversion of huge volumes of the humanitarian aid intended for the Tindouf camps. Several sources would seem to indicate that a similar situation has arisen in Morocco, where the NGO *Coordination Maghrébine des Organisations des Droits Humains* (CMODH), which receives financial support from the EU – as shown by the logos that appear on its internet site – is said to have diverted part of its funding to its treasurer, Mohamed Ennouhi.

Has the Commission established a tracking system to ascertain where the funding it allocates to NGOs in its near neighbourhood – and especially in Morocco – ends up and how it is used?

Will it consider conducting an investigation into the allegations of misappropriation of funding levelled at CMODH, with a view to safeguarding the credibility of the EU's external action?