

**Question for written answer P-004498/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Situation of refugees detained and stranded in Tripoli (Libya)

Over the past week, the situation of the refugees detained and stranded in Tripoli (Libya) has deteriorated owing to the escalating violent conflict. Some 8 000 refugees and migrants say they have been abandoned by the international community and are in urgent need of protection, food and medical care. Reports reveal an alarming situation whereby people have no access to food or water, with some having died of starvation while others have been kidnapped by traffickers.

The UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees has suggested on Twitter that UNHCR might pull out of Libya. Yesterday, UNHCR issued an updated position stating that migrants rescued or intercepted at sea should not be returned to Libya.

1. What actions is the Commission taking to ensure the evacuation of the refugees trapped in Tripoli to a safe place in the EU?
2. Will the Commission suspend its support for the so-called 'Libyan coastguards', in order to ensure that people intercepted at sea are not returned to a location where their lives would be in danger?

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