

**Priority question for written answer P-001069/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** EU support to the Libyan Coast Guard in the light of the UN conclusions and recent incidents

The latest report<sup>1</sup> of the UN Fact-Finding mission to Libya calls on the international community and all countries to abide by the customary international law principle of non-refoulement and cease all direct and indirect support to Libyan actors involved in crimes against humanity and gross human rights violations against migrants, such as the Directorate for Combating Illegal Migration, the Stability Support Apparatus and the Libyan Coast Guard. Nevertheless, on 7 February 2023, Commissioner Várhelyi announced<sup>2</sup> increased EU assistance to the Libyan Coast Guard, notably through the delivery of vessels.

1. Will the Commission abide by the UN's recommendation and cease all support to the Libyan Coast Guard immediately?
2. If not, what is the reason for providing continued support, and what will Commission do to ensure that any continued form of cooperation with Libya does not directly or indirectly facilitate or contribute to further human rights violations?
3. Is the Commission aware of the recent incident<sup>3</sup> in which the Libyan authorities shot directly at a migrant boat, and can it exclude that the authorities' vessel, its maintenance, the training of its crew, and the coordination of maritime operations was directly or indirectly financed from EU funding?

\*We strongly request that the Commission answer each numbered question individually.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya (A/HRC/52/83).

<sup>2</sup> [https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/commissioner-oliver-varhelyi-attends-handover-ceremony-eu-financed-search-and-rescue-vessels-libya-2023-02-06\\_en](https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/commissioner-oliver-varhelyi-attends-handover-ceremony-eu-financed-search-and-rescue-vessels-libya-2023-02-06_en).

<sup>3</sup> <https://twitter.com/SeaWatchItaly/status/1640346052317397006?s=20>.