

Priority question for written answer P-003042/2023
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 138
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Subject: Clarification of Di Maio's budget as special envoy to the Persian Gulf

As reported in the newspaper *Il Tempo*, according to Article 5 of the Decision of the Council of the European Union of 15 May 2023, the budget available to Luigi Di Maio as envoy to the Persian Gulf to cover all the costs of his mandate is EUR 1.8 million.

In a previous question of 26 April 2023, I asked Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell to clarify the objectives and timelines set for achieving them. However, the answer to the question did not provide the requested clarifications.

In view of the fact that, to date, the tasks to be performed by this new post are not yet clear and that the alleged budget allocated is funded by European taxpayers, can the Vice-President / High Representative answer the following questions:

1. Is the information on the sum available to Luigi Di Maio, i.e. EUR 1.8 million, correct?
2. Given the important economic commitment required by this post, can the High Representative specify the tasks, objectives and timelines set for achieving them, in particular in relation to resolving the crisis triggered by the Hamas attacks?

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