

**Question for written answer (Priority)
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Situation of refugees detained and stranded in Tripoli, Libya

Over the past week, the situation for refugees detained and stranded in Tripoli has deteriorated due to the escalating violence. 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 show an alarming situation whereby people have no access to food or water, leading to some dying from starvation. Others have been kidnapped by traffickers.

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

1) What actions are the Council taking to ensure refugees trapped in Tripoli are evacuated to a safe place to the EU?

2) Will the Council suspend its support to the so-called "Libyan coast guards" to ensure people are intercepted at sea are not being returned to a place where their lives are in danger ?

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