

**Question for written answer E-002476/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU-supported human rights violations against asylum seekers

‘Politico’ and ‘The Guardian’ have documented widespread human rights abuses in connection with EU-supported efforts to deal with asylum seekers in Tunisia and Türkiye.¹² This includes funding for removal centres and for the Tunisian National Guard. The Commission also announced this week that it will work to establish return hubs.

1. In this context, will the Commission explain what is being done to verify compliance with human rights in connection with such EU-supported activities in third countries and what will be done to ensure that, in future, EU support is given only to activities where human rights are observed?
2. Does the Commission believe that this raises concerns as to the EU's ability to ensure compliance with human rights in return hubs that may be established in third countries?

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¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2024/sep/19/italy-migrant-reduction-investigation-rape-killing-tunisia-eu-money-keir-starmer-security-forces-smugglers>

² <https://www.politico.eu/article/the-eu-is-helping-turkey-forcibly-deport-migrants-to-syria-and-afghanistan/>