

**Question for written answer E-002898/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Deadly migrant shipwrecks

The horror of the now daily shipwrecks in the Aegean sea is intensifying, with dozens of displaced individuals dead or missing, including women and young children. In the last few days alone, six children and two women lost their lives when a boat sank off the northern coast of Samos and the body of a man was found on Fara beach on the island of Lesbos, adding to a long list of victims.

These incidents are linked to the current landscape in which we are seeing hostilities escalate on two imperialist war fronts between NATO and capitalist Russia in Ukraine, as well as the genocide against the Palestinian people and the imperialist interventions in Lebanon and Syria.

The ink is barely dry on the EU's reactionary migration pact yet talks have already begun concerning an even more barbaric set of measures.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's take on the fact that the continuous shipwrecks in the Aegean are the result of a tougher crackdown – clearly assisted by Frontex – in the context of the EU's goals and targets for reducing 'irregular migration flows', its chosen name for Palestinian, Lebanese, Syrian and other displaced refugees?
2. What is its take on the call to grant asylum and ensure the safe movement of war victims to their country of choice, in accordance with the Geneva Refugee Convention, under the oversight of the EU, the UN and governments?
3. What view does it take of the fact that Syria is considered a 'safe' country for refugees to return to, based partly on the recent views intentionally expressed by certain governments?

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