

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1641/09

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to the Commission

Subject: Building of a new detention centre for migrants in Lampedusa (Italy)

The above signatories went to Lampedusa on 13 and 14 February 2009 to monitor the situation which is of concern to both migrants and to the citizens of the island, further to the Italian Government's decision to build a second detention centre for migrants there. The attached report details the findings of the visit.

1. Has the Commission already received any requests for Community funding (in relation to the various funds available) for the building of new identification and expulsion centres in Italy (and in particular, in Lampedusa) and/or for the accommodation of asylum seekers in the special centres that are to be set up in Italy?
2. Does the Commission consider that the plans to build the new centre ('Loran') and the partial rebuilding of the old centre ('Contrada Imbriacola') comply with the EU directives on the environment (in particular Directives 85/337/EEC<sup>1</sup>, 92/43/EEC<sup>2</sup> and 79/409/EEC<sup>3</sup>) and on procurement by tender (in particular Directive 93/37/EEC<sup>4</sup> as amended)?
3. Does the Commission consider that the conditions found in the two centres for migrants and asylum seekers in Lampedusa reflect the standards required by the relevant EU directives and in particular Directive 2003/9/EC<sup>5</sup> on reception? Does it not consider that, over and beyond checking compliance with the directives on asylum, the situation in question is a very serious breach of the fundamental rights of each individual, regardless of whether or not that individual has the status of illegal migrant, asylum seeker, normal resident or citizen?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 199, 9.8.1993, p. 54.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 31, 6.2.2003, p. 18.