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Subject: Rejection of official EU delegations by Tunisian authorities and consequences for EU-Tunisia Memorandum of Understanding

On 22 September 2023, the Commission announced the disbursement of EUR127 million under the previously concluded EU-Tunisia Memorandum of Understanding. Four days later, on 26 September, the Tunisian Presidency released a statement¹ rejecting a visit by the Commission that had been planned to take place later that week in order to discuss the use of the disbursed funds.

1. The rejection of the Commission delegation followed the earlier refusal to receive a Parliament delegation on 14 September. What is the Commission's position regarding both the rejection of the Parliament delegation and the postponement of the visit of the Commission?
2. Does the Commission envision any consequences for the disbursements of funds to Tunisia given the restriction of access?
3. Considering the refusal of entry to official EU delegations on two occasions by the Tunisian authorities, how will the Commission ensure sufficient monitoring and scrutiny, particularly by Parliament, of the disbursement of funding to Tunisia. How does the Commission intend to guarantee its compliance with its obligation under the Treaties not to directly or indirectly contribute to human rights violations – also taking into consideration the Tunisian authorities' track record on human rights and maltreatment of migrants?

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¹ <https://twitter.com/TnPresidency/status/1706536332338602281>

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