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to the Commission**

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Subject: Libya – crimes against humanity

On 4 October 2021 the UN Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Libya published a report stating that there are reasonable grounds to believe that war crimes have been committed in Libya, among others due to violence perpetrated against migrants. The investigations indicate that violations have been committed against migrants on a widespread scale by state and non-state actors, with a high level of organisation and the encouragement of the state, suggesting crimes against humanity. Moreover, the report concludes that Libya has failed to take action to ensure the safety of internally displaced persons and their return to their places of origin, in breach of its obligations under international law.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the report?
2. Does the Commission intend to review its funding and collaboration with Libyan authorities in the field of migration, notably with the Libyan Coast Guard?
3. Will the Commission consider coming forward with a proposal for a European rescue mission to operate in the central Mediterranean?

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