Question for written answer E-015479/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 David Martin (S&D)

Subject: Treatment of migrants and asylum seekers in Ceuta and Melilla

As the Commission will be aware, the Spanish autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla have for some time been under considerable migratory pressure at their borders with Morocco. Can the Commission confirm whether it has responded positively to a request from Spain for emergency financial assistance to deal with the situation of migratory pressure in these cities, and whether it has negotiated an agreement under which people who have reached EU countries illegally through Morocco can be deported back to countries where their lives may be at risk? Can the Commission also confirm whether it is aware of accusations by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch that Spanish and Moroccan border guards in Melilla are using 'excessive violence' against refugees?

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