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Subject: Lack of call for release of political prisoners, legal basis and the human rights conditionality for an EU Memorandum of Understanding with Tunisia

We find the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tunisia highly concerning in the context of the worsening of rights of migrants, including collective expulsions at unsafe borders, violations during interceptions at sea and arrests by police of Black African migrants.

- 1 Which measures will the Commission take to ensure funding does not benefit institutions involved in human rights violations, and why did the MoU not cover long standing demands of the EU for a comprehensive national dialogue or the release of political prisoners?
- 2 Will there be independent human rights assessments before the allocation of funds, and will there be independent third-party human rights monitoring of the implementation of the package's migration components? Under what conditions would the EU suspend this cooperation with Tunisia?
- 3 Under what legal basis will this Memorandum of Understanding be established, and what will be the European Parliament's role in scrutinising the procedure?

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