

Country : Italy

Commission : International Court of Justice

Issue: Respect of international obligations in the protection of migrants and in maritime border control operations

- Title: Dramatic footage shows Italian coast guard rescuing migrants at sea
 - Type: Video
 - Description: This is a video filmed from the perspective of an Italian coast guard saving migrants in the central mediterranean. It captures the dangerous conditions at sea and the work made by Italy to secure the lives of the migrants.
 - Link to the case: This video shows proof that Italy actively fulfills its obligations under UNCLOS in saving lives at sea and directly answers to the accusations of negligence from the applicants by demonstrating Italy's commitment in one of the most dangerous migration route.
 - Source: The Sun, Youtube, April 25 2023 <https://youtu.be/y7bdrUk84AY>
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- Title: The Mattei Plan for Africa: A Turning Point for Italy's Development Cooperation Policy?
 - Type: Policy Research Paper
 - Description: This study explains Italy's new initiative, The Mattei Plan. The goal is to invest in 14 African partner countries through key sectors such as infrastructure, education and even energy. It aims to build a balanced cooperation.
 - Link to the case: This evidence proves that Italy invests in African countries to address the root causes of migration. By developing local infrastructure, education and many else, it ensures that populations will no longer feel the necessity to migrate to the EU. The Mattei plan realizes the balanced cooperation and dialogue requested by the Applicant States, proving that Italy has moved beyond a one-sided security approach.
 - Source: Istituto Affari Internazionali <https://www.iai.it/en/publications/c05/mattei-plan-africa-turning-point-italys-development-cooperation-policy>
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- Title: Missing migrants
 - Type: Statistics and Data
 - Description: This data from the Missing Migrants Project shows that as of the 26 February 2026, 34 266 people have disappeared or died in the mediterranean since 2014. This number is updated daily and shows the real danger of the sea routes.
 - Link to the case: This evidence shows why Italy wants to stop these tragedies. We must help African countries so people do not feel the need to risk their lives at sea. By creating local opportunities, we will reduce the risk.
 - Source: Missing Migrants project <https://missingmigrants.iom.int/region/mediterranean>
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- Title: Italy's 2026-2028 "Flow Decree" (Decreto Flussi)
 - Type: Press Article
 - Description: This article explains Italy's plan to grant nearly 500 000 work permits to foreign workers in 3 years. It creates legal pathways for migrants to enter Italy safely and work in many sectors like construction, tourism and agriculture.

- Link to this case: This evidence proves Italy's commitment to legal migration. By providing these permits, Italy protects migrants from the risks of being undocumented and it will be a mutually beneficial partnership.
 - Source : Info Migrants <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/68411/explainer-italys-20262028-flow-decree-decreto-flussi>
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- Title: Italy-Senegal partnership: first phase of the PAIJEF project
 - Type: Report
 - Description: This project, launched by AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo), focuses on the professional integration of youth and women in Senegal. Build on the success of the PASPED project which integrated over 2 300 youth between 2020 and 2022. The first phase of PAIJEF has already placed 462 graduates into 345 local businesses. The goal for 2026 is to integrate 10 000 graduates and support 3 000 local businesses across all 14 regions of Senegal.
 - Link to the case: This evidence proves that Italy is not just focused on border security. By creating thousands of jobs in Senegal, Italy is fixing the economic disabilities that led to migration. This project is a concrete way to save lives by creating real professional opportunities.
 - Source : AICS <https://www.aics.gov.it/news/partenariato-tra-italia-e-senegal-lanciata-la-prima-fase-del-progetto-paijef/?lang=en>