

Accusation (against frontex + EU)

Mauritania respectfully requests the Court to find that:

1. The European Union, through Frontex, exercises effective operational control over Atlantic migration interceptions.
2. Where such operations prevent access to asylum procedures or expose individuals to risk of inhuman or degrading treatment, the EU bears international responsibility.
3. The policy of migration externalization constitutes a practice capable of undermining:
 - The principle of non-refoulement
 - Maritime rescue obligations
 - Fundamental human rights protections
4. International responsibility cannot be avoided through operational outsourcing to third States.

A State cannot do indirectly what it is forbidden to do directly.

If control remains European, responsibility remains European.

Mauritania calls upon this Court to reaffirm that international law cannot be externalized.