

## MIGRATION THROUGH MEDITERRANEAN CORRIDORS: LAW OF THE SEA AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

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### **Abstract:**

Transnational criminal organizations control and profit from the entire chain of migratory movements, that is:

- from the departure, often from sub-Saharan countries,
- to transit through the desert,
- to the detention in “refugee centers” along the southern coast of the Mediterranean,
- to the embarkation on “mother” ships from which the immigrants are then moved to small and most unsafe boats heading for the European coast,
- up to the “assistance” provided when they finally reach land and their ultimate chosen destination.

How do we deal with this phenomenon? Management of the phenomenon of migration by sea, that is the prevention and suppression of crime. In order to repress these crimes and protect human lives at sea, the rules governing the required connection with the coast should be granted a broader interpretation. It should also be pointed out that the techniques used to intercept the communication and the cooperation between States, make it possible to detect this connection even earlier. Secondly, in order to definitely discourage the techniques used by the smugglers of immigrants, I believe that it is absolutely necessary to allow coercive action, even if it is certain that the criminals have not been in contact with the coast.

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