




## Parliamentary questions

8 July 2016

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Question for written answer  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
Joëlle Mélin (ENF)

### ► Subject: Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

 Answer(s)

The Barcelona Convention of 1976 (as amended in 1995), and the protocols drawn up in line with it, aim to protect the marine and coastal environment in the Mediterranean whilst promoting regional and national plans contributing to sustainable development.

It has now been ratified by all of the EU Member States on the Mediterranean except Gibraltar, which is a UK overseas territory.

As the EU has also signed the convention, is Gibraltar also covered by it, or does the territory have a derogation?

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Answer given by Mr Vella  
on behalf of the Commission  
(23.8.2016)

The EU is a Contracting Party to the Barcelona Convention<sup>1</sup>.

The geographical coverage of the Barcelona Convention<sup>2</sup> as per its first Article is bounded to the west by the meridian passing through Cape Spartel lighthouse, at the entrance of the Straits of Gibraltar, and to the east by the southern limits of the Straits of the Dardanelles between Mehmetcik and Kumkale lighthouses.

There is no derogation referring to Gibraltar in this Article.

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<sup>1</sup> 77/585/EEC: Council Decision of 25 July 1977 concluding the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and the Protocol for the prevention of the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft, OJ L 240, 19.9.1977

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.unep.org/NairobiConvention/docs/Barcelona\\_Convention\\_full\\_version.pdf](http://www.unep.org/NairobiConvention/docs/Barcelona_Convention_full_version.pdf)