During its Plenary Session on 17 September 2026, the European Parliament adopted a resolution condemning the mass irregular crossing into Ceuta (Spain) and called for increased EU support, cooperation with Morocco and the return of persons with no right to stay.

The resolution praised the work of the Spanish authorities, including the Policia Nacional, the Guardia Civil, the Spanish armed forces, the Spanish Red Cross, Caritas, non-governmental organisations, and civil society organisations involved in the response to the crisis, and condemn the acts of violence in the city.

The Parliament denounced the instrumentalisation of irregular migration as a tool against the territorial integrity of an EU country. MEPs condemned the large-scale regularisation policy pursued by the Spanish government, which acted as a pull factor, and urged the European Commission to assess the possible cross-border impact on secondary movements. They stressed Spain’s responsibility "to make full use of the Pact's legal and operational framework", including screening, border asylum and return procedures.

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