Question for written answer E-002756/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Afghanistan: development aid and the deterioration in the human rights situation

On 3 and 4 December 2014, a conference on Afghanistan was held in London to discuss the progress made by the country and the international financial assistance it receives.

Afterwards, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International issued a joint statement, declaring that donors of financial contributions to Afghanistan should encourage the government to prevent any deterioration in the human rights situation and essential support services for these rights in that country.

Last October, the Commission announced that development assistance of EUR 1.4 billion would be allocated to Afghanistan for the period 2014-2020.

- 1. Does the Commission share the views of Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International?
- 2. What conditions are attached to the aid granted to Afghanistan by the European Union and what controls are applied?
- 3. If Afghanistan failed to meet the minimum requirements set by the European Union, what penalties could the Commission impose on that country?

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