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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Refugees in Ukraine

The newspaper Spiegel and German public television have documented various stories of refugees imprisoned in Ukraine for months when they were attempting to make the journey to Europe. One of the stories they tell is that of Hassan Hirsi, whose testimony about the abuse and ill-treatment he received coincides with information obtained by human rights organisations such as Human Rights Watch.

According to these reports the European Union has provided Ukraine with EUR 30 million, which Kiev is using to build and renovate detention centres for migrants and other facilities to house them on a temporary basis. The International Organisation for Migration has received several million euros to support the Ukrainian authorities in tasks such as interning immigrants without papers.

Was the High Representative aware that this situation was occurring in Ukraine?

In the light of this information does the High Representative intend to seek information about what the EU funds are being spent on in Ukraine?