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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Funding of terrorism

In her last report on the Neighbourhood Policy, in March this year, the High Representative pointed out the importance of the EU tackling the terrorist threats in the region, including in North Africa and the Middle East.

The situation in some of the countries included in this policy, such as Libya or Syria, is alarming, especially as regards the activity of the organisation Islamic State, whose range of action has been progressively expanding.

According to various sources, the activity of the organisation Islamic State has been possible thanks to funding from the monarchies of the Persian Gulf, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar.

Is this aspect part of the political dialogue between the European Union and these countries?

According to the same reports, funding for the organisation Islamic State has been increasingly privatised in recent years, although the sponsors of terrorism come from these same countries.

Is the High Representative aware of this situation? What measures is she going to push for in this respect in her relations with the said States?