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to the Commission**

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Subject: Disappearance of unaccompanied minors

In the EU, unaccompanied minors often disappear from the places hosting them while awaiting the recognition of international protection or other procedures. A number of them try to reach relatives or their communities in other Member States, and others become victims of human traffickers, sexual exploitation, organ trafficking and abuses of all kinds. A common system that provides greater protection is needed. A guardian needs to be appointed as of the arrival of the minor on EU territory. This guardian should be responsible for assisting and representing these minors during all proceedings in which they are involved before the authorities.

Against this background, can the Commission explain:

1. what has already been done, and what further action it will take, to deal with the issue of unaccompanied minors who disappear once on EU territory;
2. what further action will be proposed to fully implement the action plan on unaccompanied minors for 2010-2014;
3. whether it considers that it is necessary to propose specific tools or legislative actions to introduce minimum common standards based on best practices regarding the mandate, functions, quality and skills of the guardians.