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Subject: VP/HR - Islamic State in Syria - Yarmouk Camp

According to Unicef, the situation of the Palestinian refugees in the Yarmouk Camp, close to Damascus, Syria, is extremely concerning.

The camp is controlled by the terrorist groups Islamic State and the al-Nusra Front.

The Syrian authorities have made numerous attempts to deliver aid to the refugees in the camp, particularly the children, who number 3 500, according to the figures gathered. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) report a severe shortage of food and water, but also inhuman treatment and decapitations by the Islamist terrorist groups, which are preventing NGOs and the authorities from entering the camp.

What steps can the VP/HR take to help the people in the camp who are victims of violence and bring them the proper humanitarian aid?

With a view to assisting the camp's refugees, but also the minorities under threat throughout the country, particularly its Christians, who are being persecuted, is the VP/HR considering re-establishing relations between the EU and the Syrian Government?