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to the Commission**

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Subject: Refusal to grant asylum to 3000 unaccompanied minors

On 25 April, the UK House of Commons rejected a request for asylum to be granted to around 3000 unaccompanied minors, mainly Syrians.

The life and well-being of each and every one of those children is worth exactly the same as the life and well-being of children born here in Europe. That decision, therefore, runs counter to all the European values and principles relating to solidarity and hospitality. It is the duty of the European Union and of each Member State to protect all children who are fleeing war and desperation.

In view, therefore, of: the latest agreements reached in the European Council on the relocation of refugees to all Member States; the Geneva Convention on the Status of Refugees, to which the United Kingdom is a party; the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which the UK ratified in 1991; Articles 18 and 19 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union of 7 December 2000, and Regulation 2013/604/EU, in particular Articles 6 and 8 thereof, can the Commission say what action it intends to take in respect of the United Kingdom further to the above-mentioned decision taken by its House of Commons?