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to the Commission
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Subject: European strategy for taking care of children brought up in IS territory

Over 5 000 European citizens have joined IS (Daesh) in Syria and Iraq. These include entire families, parents taking along their children, and also women who have been recruited by terrorist organisations to become the wives and mothers of Daesh soldiers.

The number of foreign nationals bringing their children up in IS-held territories is not insignificant. These children are instructed in cruelty, trained to fight, and grow up surrounded by horror and atrocities. This was shockingly illustrated by the video released by IS showing French children.

Faced with the many questions raised and challenges posed by the possibility of their return to Europe, the EU and its Member States must come up with a plan of action to take care of and to deradicalise the minors brought up in IS territory.

That being so, will the Commission issue recommendations to Member States to address this highly sensitive issue and to promote the sharing of best practices between Member States regarding the establishment of appropriate structures and programmes?