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The Commission is aware of allegations that have been made regarding the non-governmental organisation (NGO) Al-Haq. All representatives of NGOs who sign contracts with the EU, including those of Al-Haq are screened against United Nations, EU and *ad hoc* sanctions lists. The screening in this case did not yield a negative result.

EU funds are awarded to NGOs on the basis of well-defined eligibility criteria and payments are always released in accordance with the rules and financial provisions set in the Financial Regulation as supplemented by the General Conditions of the specific grant contract. This includes provisions enabling ex-ante and ex-post verification. Recipients of EU funds must follow the conditions and procedures set out by restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The EU is committed to fighting terrorism and takes any allegations of a misuse of EU funds very seriously.