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to the Council**

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Subject: Humanitarian crisis, mass influx of displaced persons, implementation of Directive 2001/55/EC

Council Directive 2001/55/EC, as adopted by the EU, makes provision for exceptional measures to be taken in the event of a large number of non-EU nationals arriving in the EU and being unable to return to their home countries, in particular owing to war, violence or human rights violations. The legislation provides immediate, temporary protection for such people, with financial support for such measures being provided via the European Refugee Fund.

In the light of the humanitarian crisis that is occurring as a result of the mass influx of refugees from various countries, chiefly Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq:

What are the Council's objective reasons for not having adopted a decision acknowledging a mass influx of displaced persons?

What are the Council's objective reasons for not yet having applied the aforementioned EU directive swiftly and effectively?

Is the Council going to adopt a decision to implement the directive and bring in immediate temporary measures to protect the displaced persons involved?