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The Chair

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## **STATEMENT**

## Earthquake in Afghanistan: The European Parliament's Afghanistan Delegation stands in solidarity with Afghan people

The Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with Afghanistan (D-AF), <u>Petras</u> <u>Auštrevičius</u> (Renew, LT) issued the following statement today:

"The European Parliament's Afghanistan Delegation stands in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan following the devastating earthquake in south-eastern Afghanistan which has left hundreds of victims and injured people.

We are saddened by the intense magnitude of this tragic calamity and continued aftershocks overnight and into this morning.

The Afghanistan Delegation extends deepest sympathy to the citizens, particularly to those in the affected area who have experienced the damage and devastation first-hand.

It is distressing that the Afghan people who since Taliban takeover are facing acute hunger, restrictions on fundamental freedoms and human rights, diminished public services, including medical and educational services, and the economic collapse, are being exposed to more hardship.

We offer our condolences to families and friends who have lost loved ones.

We call for concerted humanitarian action at the international level to bring immediate relief to the people in need and to continue assistance to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

Our hearts and our thoughts stand with the Afghan people."

**Further information** 

Profile of Petras Auštrevičius (Renew, LT)

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