Question for written answer E-009462/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Laima Liucija Andrikienė (PPE)

Subject: Education of Afghan children

More than 1.2 million Afghans are currently displaced within their own country, more than at any time since 2002. The casualty figures are the highest since the UN started reporting in 2009, while humanitarian funding for the country is decreasing. In some of the conflict-ravaged areas, only one girl was enrolled in school for every ten boys, according to Afghanistan's own national education strategy. This year alone, another 150 000 children in Afghanistan have been displaced by conflict, but support for education in emergency situations is still close to non-existent.

In the light of the above data, what steps will the EU take to engage the Afghan Government in ensuring that education is available and safe for all children?

How are child rights, in particular the right to education, being considered, if not yet implemented, in the framework of financial assistance, namely in the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Afghanistan (MIP 2014-2020)?

What monitoring measures are being taken to ensure girls have equal access to education?

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