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to the Commission**

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Subject: Transparency of European funds for Turkey

The European Court of Auditors, in its special report on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey¹ published on 13 November of this year, noted that the main limitation on the monitoring of humanitarian projects was the refusal by the Turkish authorities to grant access to the data of eligible beneficiaries of projects involving the transfer of cash, thereby making it impossible to trace the final beneficiaries. In addition, the Court found that the interest earned on advances paid by the EU is retained by the implementing partners and is not reinvested in the projects concerned.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say:

- 1) how it intends to ensure the transparency and traceability of the funds allocated to these projects, given the Turkish authorities' refusal to provide data on the identity of beneficiaries, and thus to prevent the misuse of European funds;
- 2) what it intends to do to ensure that the implementing partners do not retain the interest earned on the advances, but reinvest it in the projects or return it to the European taxpayer?

¹ https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR18_27/SR_TRF_IT.pdf