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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Clarification by the EU of links between Qatar and certain terrorist groups

Qatar is regarded by many as a controversial country: it is a well-known fact, for instance, that it has funded Islamic centres and religious organisations linked to the Muslim Brotherhood, including in Italy.

This is causing growing and justified concern over Qatar's stance, and not just in Europe but among Gulf states too. In June 2017, a group of these states and other Arab countries decided to cut diplomatic ties with the State of Qatar.

In addition to terrorist groups, Qatar has also long been known to be close to Iran, as well as Turkey and countries that support the Muslim Brotherhood.

In view of the above, can the High Representative answer the following questions:

1. Does he agree that Islamic centres in Italy that are funded by Qatar may result in radicalisation?
2. Is he able to provide full details of the links between Qatar and certain terrorist groups?
3. If so, will he assess the feasibility of imposing restrictive measures on Qatar in order to curb its financial aid in Europe?