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to the Commission**
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Subject: Situation on the border between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina

In the latest case of police brutality and violence by Croatian security forces against migrants and asylum seekers, a group of 16 Afghans and Pakistanis was arrested, brutally beaten and tortured by police. The officers responsible then used scraps of food to cover up the wounds they had inflicted.

A deafening silence is descending over the Commission as accounts of atrocities befalling migrants and asylum seekers at the EU's external borders come to light.

This sort of behaviour brings shame on the EU and calls for a strong response, as those responsible for allowing these atrocities to happen, as well as the perpetrators, must be punished.

Can the Commission say:

1. What conclusions did it draw from the report on the implementation of the system used to monitor external borders financed by the Commission and the Croatian interior ministry to the tune of EUR 300 000?
2. How does it intend to respond to attacks such as these, which are a stain on the very values on which the EU is founded?