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Subject: Commission funding for Islamist association

The Commission has already earmarked EUR 712 000 for grants to 'Islamic Relief Germany' over the period 2021-2027, having recognised it as a humanitarian partner.

However, this association is considered by Germany as being closely affiliated to the Muslim Brotherhood and it is on Israel's list of terrorist organisations.

At a time when Europe is beset by an unprecedented wave of terrorism that has claimed the lives of almost three hundred French nationals, how can the Commission agree to provide funding for an organisation closely affiliated to the Muslim Brotherhood and embedded within Islamist networks?

This is not the first time that the Commission has provided funding for such organisations, other examples being the European Muslim Network (created by Tariq Ramadan), the Collectif contre l'islamophobia in France (dissolved by the French Government), the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (Femyso) and 'Empowering Belgian Muslims'.

In view of this:

- Can the Commission justify the decisions that led to these partnerships, despite the associations' known links with Islamist movements?
- 2. Will it sever its commitments to Islamic Relief and cease the grant payments?
- 3. Does it intend to publicly denounce the role of the Muslim Brotherhood in the rise of Islamism and cancel all subsidies to affiliated associations?