Question for written answer E-003199/2021 to the Commission

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Subject: Hateful UNRWA-sponsored school materials

The use of hateful school materials, sponsored by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), is a widespread practice in Palestinian schools. These books encourage violence, reject peace, and demonise both Israel and the Jewish people. Furthermore, the UNRWA's lack of effective mechanisms to ensure adherence to UN values is appalling.

Unfortunately, this picture seems to be confirmed by the Georg Eckert Institute (GEI) in a study commissioned by the EU. Leaked parts of the study clearly illustrate how EU-funded and UNRWA-sponsored Palestinian textbooks continue to incite hatred and violence against Jews and Israel.

To the best of our knowledge, the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations is still sitting on this study.

- 1. Can the Commission confirm that it is in possession of a copy of the GEI's study on the Palestinian curriculum?
- 2. Can it confirm that some of the study's findings, draft or otherwise, have been shared with stakeholders? If so, which findings have been shared?
- 3. Does the Commission intend to make the findings of the report public? If so, when? Has it used the findings as a basis for policy decisions, and if not, does it intend to do so?