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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: The imminent withdrawal of the US/NATO forces and the protection of local EU staff

At this stage, with the imminent withdrawal of the US/NATO forces, and pursuant to Parliament's joint motion for a resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, the EU needs to continue efforts for a political settlement in Afghanistan, and ensure that a Taliban military takeover will not happen. Therefore, concrete actions must also be taken in particular for the protection of local EU staff, as time is running out.

In the light of the rapidly deteriorating situation:

1. How much progress has the EU made in establishing a protection scheme for its Afghan staff, and what is the timeline for the process?
2. What decision has the Foreign Affairs Council taken on this matter?