

Question for written answer E-003946/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Current situation in Afghanistan

Afghanistan once again finds itself on the brink of civil war following the withdrawal of Western military forces after a presence spanning over 20 years, with Kabul at risk of falling to the Taliban within a matter of months.¹ This both strikes fear into locals who had previously been employed by Western countries and ensures that more and more advanced military equipment belonging to the Afghan army will fall into the hands of insurgents.

1. How does the Commission plan to deal with a possible flood of refugees in the event of Kabul or any other larger town falling – or will it dispense with planning altogether, as it did in 2015?
2. Are there specific plans to stop abandoned military equipment falling into the hands of the Taliban or at least to prevent it from reaching Europe in the long term?

¹ <https://m.faz.net/aktuell/politik/ausland/afghanistan-die-taliban-stehen-vor-der-hauptstadt-kabul-17447575.html>