

Question for written answer E-003965/2021

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Developments in Afghanistan and EU responsibility

Twenty years after the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan by US, NATO and EU forces, it has become increasingly clear that 'counter-terrorism' is being used as a pretext for imperialist interventions in that country, as well as Syria, Libya and elsewhere.

Afghanistan is now being handed over to the obscurantist Taliban, the fight against whom had previously served as a pretext for invasion by the imperialist Euro-Atlantic powers. Like many EU Member States, Greece has a 20-year record of continuous military and other involvement under successive governments.

In view of this:

1. Can the Vice-President / High Representative say whether the EU considers the repellent Taliban forces to be potential partners, given its declared intent of requiring them to 'respect human rights' as a precondition for not suspending cooperation and funding for Afghanistan?
2. What are his views regarding the extent of EU responsibility for the current situation in Afghanistan, given its complicity and involvement in the occupation of the country by the US-NATO forces over the last 20 years?
3. What view does he take of the rights of refugees and migrants, including the new influx expected from Afghanistan, to immediate processing of their asylum applications in the countries of actual destination, without being deported or confined in prison-like superstructures, for which the Greek Government is earmarking EUR 175 million?