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to the Commission**

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Subject: Wave of migration from Afghanistan

Since January, 270 000 Afghans have fled the Taliban's advances across Afghanistan following the withdrawal of US forces from the country.

Echoing the unilateral US decision to admit Afghan immigrants (and their families) who work or have worked for the United States, Turkey announced that it could not follow suit, as the country did not have the capacity to stem the resulting migration crisis.

While Ankara has been using migration blackmail against the EU for years – blackmail that allows it to benefit from aid amounting to several billion euros in exchange for receiving migrants on its soil – such announcements risk giving Turkey a new means of putting pressure on the EU.

There is even talk of a new influx of migrants, comparable to that seen in 2015, insofar as, since the beginning of July, between 500 and 1000 Afghans - mostly men aged between 16 and 25 - have been entering Turkish territory illegally on a daily basis via Iran.

1. What does the Commission intend to do to anticipate the flow of migrants and to prevent Europe from being overrun with Afghans?
2. Will it recommend reinstating national border controls within the Schengen area?