

**Question for written answer E-004656/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: A billion for Afghanistan

At the G20, the Commission, through its President, announced that EUR 1 billion in aid would be sent to Afghanistan. In August of this year, the Commission announced that it would suspend all payments to Afghanistan until it was clear that the Taliban were serious about human rights, especially the women's rights. It was also announced that the payments would go to international organisations – read NGOs – and not directly to what is called the 'interim government'.

1. Will the billion euros promised by the Commission at the G20 be additional to the 1.15 billion already pledged for the period 2021-2025?
2. According to a study by PEW (<https://www.opindia.com/2021/08/pew-research-survey-afghanistan-sharia-taliban>), 99% of the Afghan population adhere to Sharia law and, therefore, to the oppression of women, religious minorities and homosexuals. Is that not reason enough not to send any more funds to Afghanistan?
3. Is the Commission aware that the billions which will be sent to Afghanistan in exchange for reception of migrants and refugees locally will only lead to the same form of blackmail which we saw Turkey use against the EU?