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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: Conditions for aid to Afghanistan

The Vice President/High Representative has set five conditions for ending the suspension of development assistance payments to Afghanistan.

The Taliban must:

commit to preventing the country from serving as a base for international terrorism;

respect the rule of law and human rights, in particular women's rights;

establish an inclusive and representative transitional government negotiated by the political forces in Afghanistan;

allow free access for humanitarian assistance, subject to the supply and distribution conditions imposed by the bloc and its international partners

allow foreign citizens and Afghans at risk to leave the country.

Experts¹ believe that the party that has suffered defeat in a conflict, such as the West, and thus the EU, in Afghanistan, is better off refraining from any form of 'hubris' and is not in a position to impose a diktat on, in this case, the Taliban. How will the Vice President/High Representative enforce these conditions?

¹ <https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategieurope/85255>