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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: Burkina Faso and the jihadist advance in the Sahel

Burkina Faso is vulnerable to the instability that plagues the entire Sahel region and is facing attacks from jihadist terrorist groups. In mid-November 2021, an attack was carried out against the military base near the Inata gold mine, and without much opposition. The government troops stationed there were found to be living under harsh conditions, including food shortages. This is symptomatic of the absence of the Burkina Faso Government in disadvantaged areas, which, as a result, form a recruitment base for jihadist groups.

Will the High Representative be urging the Burkina Faso Government to roll out a long-term strategy aimed at a more inclusive society and restoring public confidence, particularly in the north of the country, which are necessary conditions if its citizens are to be afforded better protection against the jihadist advance?