

Question for written answer E-005653/2021/rev.1

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

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Subject: Diplomatic representation in the Afghan capital Kabul

The European Union had announced that it might soon open a diplomatic mission in the Afghan capital Kabul without associating this with the recognition of the Taliban government. According to President Emmanuel Macron, France is working with other European countries to open a joint diplomatic mission in Afghanistan.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy know which European countries France is working with to open a joint diplomatic mission in Kabul?
2. What sources of EU funding are available for the establishment of a diplomatic mission in Kabul, and how much funding is available?
3. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy see the opening of a diplomatic mission in the Afghan capital Kabul as problematic in light of the prevailing absence of appropriate conditions, such as the preservation of democracy and the rule of law, and the promotion and respect of human rights?