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to the Commission**

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Subject: Humanitarian aid to Afghanistan

The Taliban have been running Afghanistan since August 2021, when they claimed Kabul at the peak of a military offensive launched that May.

The Commission allocated EUR 222 million in humanitarian aid to Afghanistan for 2021 and in October that year pledged a further EUR 1 billion to the Afghan people and neighbouring countries that are offering support through humanitarian organisations on the ground.

The country's situation in terms of socio-economic conditions and rights – of women and children in particular – keeps deteriorating and is creating a humanitarian crisis that is becoming ever more alarming, and is only made worse by the harsh winter.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission apply Directive 2001/55/EC on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons?
2. Will it ensure that humanitarian corridors are created for the people of Afghanistan?
3. What humanitarian actions will be taken in priority and within what time frame?