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Subject: Ukrainian refugees – greater support for the AMIF in cases of asylum, migration and

integration

The UNHCR estimates that over three million refugees have fled Ukraine and that 12 million people are directly affected by the war. The EU has triggered Directive 2001/55/EC on temporary protection. Furthermore, in cases of asylum, migration and integration it also plans to draw on the AMIF with its 2021-2027 budget of over EUR 9 billion. Actions introduced under the AMIF follow a number of lines of operation, each with different periods of time allowed for their support and financing. The Member States have started to take in Ukrainian refugees, most of them women, children and old people. In Italy, refugee children have also started attending schools. The first problem that must be mitigated in welcoming these children is the difference in languages. This is a decisive step for the child's psychological state. Italy's Ministry of Education has set up a temporary fund of one million euro for interpreters and mediators to support teachers and students.

In light of the record but still rising number of refugees arriving from Ukraine:

- 1. Does the Commission think it will be possible to derogate *pro tempore* from the criteria for calls for proposals in the 2021-2022 AMIF working programme, for the sole purpose of minimising analysis times should Member States suddenly need financial support?
- 2. Does the Commission think it will be possible to supplement at a later date the funds identified and earmarked for extraordinary support for Ukrainian child refugees?