

**Question for written answer E-001330/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Delegation in Kabul and humanitarian aid in Afghanistan

An official EU Delegation, with a minimal staff presence, opened in Kabul at the beginning of this year with the aim, among other things, of facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid in Afghanistan. As the EU has a stronger negotiating position owing to the Taliban's dependency on the EU, I refer herewith to the European Parliament resolution of 16 September 2021 on the situation in Afghanistan.

1. What functions does the EU Delegation in Kabul perform, precisely? Will it examine and document the many human rights violations perpetrated by the Taliban? How is the plan to ensure a safe and orderly departure of all foreign and Afghan citizens who would like to leave the country progressing?
2. What efforts are being made to exert pressure on the Taliban to comply with the conditions laid down by the EU for the resumption of cooperation and development aid? If there is no guarantee that the achievements of the past 20 years will not be reversed, how can we make sure that no money ends up in the hands of the Taliban?
3. How is it being ensured that humanitarian aid is only channelled through the relevant international organisations and NGOs, and that the payment of humanitarian aid is not being impeded by the Taliban?