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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU measures to support Russians fleeing from Vladimir Putin's criminal acts

The war in Ukraine caused by Putin's Russia invading the country is creating a terrible humanitarian disaster. Thousands of civilians have died while the number of refugees is now totalling around four million.

The number of Russians who are leaving their own country because they do not want to live under a regime that is capable of such a heinous attack is also growing. Because of Putin Russia is isolated diplomatically and economically, with its citizens suffering the results of this.

In Russia dissent is repressed with violence: political opponents are imprisoned, freedom of expression does not exist, LGBTI people are persecuted and young people, students and teachers have seen exchange programmes with Europe blocked.

The EU should open its doors to those who are fleeing the war, putting reception arrangements and solidarity measures in place immediately to help the Ukrainian people, but also to help Russians who are fleeing the Putin regime's criminal acts.

In view of this:

1. Will the Commission promote initiatives aimed at facilitating the reception of Russians who are fleeing in search of a better life in Europe?
2. Will it welcome Russian students, teachers, journalists and activists who are opposed to the regime and who represent the longing of millions of Russian citizens to live in a democracy?