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Subject: Ukrainian refugees with disabilities

There are 2.7 million persons with disabilities registered in Ukraine, many of whom currently face life-threatening discrimination, including inaccessible information about risk, safety and aid.

About 10% of the nearly 3.5 million Ukrainian refugees in the EU have a disability. They face further challenges as regards access to humanitarian aid and information about housing, health, education and social protection, and they are particularly vulnerable to the risk of human trafficking. They often lack specific assistive technology such as wheelchairs, hearing aids or personal assistance.

In the EU’s operation guidelines on emergency protection, the situation of persons with disabilities was not mentioned, so we lack information on how the Commission will approach this. Therefore:

1. How is the Commission ensuring that the distribution of humanitarian aid in Ukraine is accessible to persons with disabilities, including those at home and in institutions? Will it regularly report on how its aid is reaching children and adults with disabilities?

2. How is it planning to address the needs of refugees with disabilities, including the need for assistive devices, personal assistance and safe travel within Europe, and not only in Ukraine’s neighbouring countries?

3. How will it ensure that long-term integration initiatives are fully inclusive of refugees with disabilities, including as regards housing, employment, health, education and social protection?