1. The Commission, with the contribution of EU’s agencies, actively supports long-term and efficient border management solutions, which comply with the values, fundamental rights and law of the EU. As stated by the President of the Commission on 22 October 2021, it is the Commission long-standing position that there will be no EU funding for barbed wire or walls. The Commission firmly believes that EU funding should be used in a way that it creates the highest added value possible. The EU financial support focuses on European integrated border management solutions and on effective and speedy migration management and asylum system.

2. For the reasons stated above, the Commission does not intend to finance the construction of border fences, such as the one erected between Poland and Belarus.

3. The Commission continues its efforts on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum presented in September 2020. The Pact includes several legal proposals for improving controls for persons crossing the EU external borders and for speeding up the asylum procedures. The Commission counts on the support of the European Parliament in the adoption of these legal instruments. In addition, the Commission works on implementation of the actions highlighted in the EU Security Union Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025 and in the Schengen Strategy. In the Schengen package adopted on 24 May 2022, the Commission, among others, presented a multiannual strategic policy for European integrated border management as the main guiding policy document in this area. The Commission has also proposed to reinforce the rules on external border checks as part of its proposal amending the Schengen Borders Code.

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