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Subject: Lack of various types of vaccines in Ukraine

Russia’s military aggression in Ukraine has both a short- and a long-term negative impact on most areas of life, including the provision of health services to the population. Various objective sources have testified that the Ukrainian health system is lacking in the most elementary means of treatment. One particular concern is the lack of vaccines, including vaccines for children against diseases such as measles, tuberculosis (the BCG vaccine), poliomyelitis, rubella, pertussis, diphtheria and others.

The current situation creates the risk of an outbreak of epidemics. That risk is not limited to the territory of Ukraine. Undoubtedly, as a result of increased migration (for example, in Poland alone, about 20 000 people arrive and leave every day, including many children), epidemics of the aforementioned diseases could spread throughout Europe.

Does the Commission intend to make a systematic effort, in order to clarify the situation regarding the lack of vaccines in Ukraine and to plan concrete support actions?