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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Aid for earthquake victims in Syria

Syria, like Türkiye, has been hit hard by the recent earthquake.

While Türkiye has fortunately received aid from EU Member States, the people of Syria have received very little on account of the conflict that has been ongoing for 12 years and the sanctions imposed by the EU against the country's government and leaders.

External humanitarian aid is practically non-existent in Syria.

Some NGOs even fear sanctions or administrative measures if they offer humanitarian assistance, even if their aid only benefits the Syrian people.

It is vital, therefore, to assure all structures and NGOs that could offer assistance in connection with the earthquake in Syria that they will not be subject to any measures on the part of the EU.

Could the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy make a statement on this matter as soon as possible?

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