Question for written answer E-000755/2024 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Improving the Handbook on Victims of Terrorism

Chapter 1.6 of the Handbook on Victims of Terrorism sets out a detailed list of examples of secondary victimisation of victims of terrorism, but they do not include humiliation and attacks on the image of victims or glorifying a specific crime or paying tribute to convicted offenders.

The Commission has been repeatedly asked to update the Handbook and to add these cases to the list.

The Commission's response has been evasive, since it has never assessed the proposal, but also contradictory, in replying that the aim of the Handbook is to present in a comprehensive manner the causes of secondary victimisation of victims, without being particularly explicit, although the Handbook in fact gives seven explicit examples.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission again:

- 1. Does it plan to update the EU Handbook on Victims of Terrorism in the near future and to include humiliation and attacks on the image of victims, as well as glorification of a specific crime or paying tribute to convicted offenders, as examples of secondary victimisation?
- 2. Could a failure to include such an update lead to a lack of protection of, and even discrimination against, victims of terrorism who suffer the negative effects of such acts?

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