Question for written answer E-001054/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Giorgos Georgiou (The Left)

Subject: Surge in migration flows from Lebanon to Cyprus

In recent days, Cyprus has been witnessing an increased influx of Syrian refugees arriving in the country from Lebanon. This is because of Lebanon's inability to police its borders due to the prevailing uncertainty in the country caused by the war in Gaza and – according to statements made on 4 April 2024 by the Cypriot Interior Minister on the Protoselido current affairs programme on Sigma TV – 'Israel's daily bomb attacks on the country'.

In view of this:

- 1. What immediate measures does the Commission plan to take to prove its solidarity, in practice, not in words, with a Member State that has reached its limit and is on the frontline of migration flows?
- 2. What immediate measures does it intend to take to support Lebanon as well as contribute to efforts to ease the crisis in the Middle East, a crisis that is making the situation worse?
- 3. Does it not agree that the EU's current migration policy has failed and needs to change, as it rules out the establishment of a system for distributing and hosting refugees in all Member States without exception, depending on the population of each Member State and what they can manage, it increases the EU's dependence on non-EU countries, it undermines the human rights of asylum seekers, opening the way to further repression of this group of people, and it strengthens the far right which manipulates the issue for its own ends?

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