Question for Question Time H-0349/2010 to the Commission Part-session: July 2010 Rule 116 Konrad Szymański (ECR)

Subject: Partnership for Modernisation and Eastern Partnership

The European Union is proposing a 'Partnership for Modernisation' with Russia, while at the same time seeking to strengthen the Eastern Partnership.

How will the goals of the 'Partnership for Modernisation' enhance the coherence of EU policy in the region covered by the Eastern Partnership?

What plans are there under the 'Partnership for Modernisation' to ensure that the conditionality principle applies to the development of economic relations and progress in the area of human rights compliance, especially as regards freedom of expression and freedom of the press?

Will the European Union observe the principle of proportionality as regards the abolition of visas for citizens of the Russian Federation and the countries of the Eastern Partnership?

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