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Subject: Pakistan's moral responsibilities in Taliban Afghanistan

Afghanistan is an Islamic state and the countless instances of suffering and injustice endured by the Afghan Muslim population must end as this is contrary to Islam, a faith that places safety among its highest values.

China, while claiming to be one of the foremost countries in the world to have taken on significant responsibilities for peace, stability and the development of the entire world, is in reality based on an autocratic and opaque philosophical-political system that is digitally coercive and intrusive, and in which religion has very little influence.

The EU, on the other hand, describes its own domestic and foreign policies as being based on respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

The signatories to this question wish to know whether, notwithstanding the differences in political and philosophical cultures, the Vice-President / High Representative would be prepared to:

1. Launch a debate on Afghanistan with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in order to establish common positions?
2. Launch a strategic dialogue with Pakistan, the party that has contributed the most to the seizure of power by the Taliban, to propose that it assumes chief responsibility for fostering the reconciliation of the Afghan people, for condemning violence and extremism and promoting a national dialogue based on peace, tolerance, inclusion and human dignity, but at the same time avoids fanaticism, sectarianism and narrow-minded dogmatism?

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