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Subject: Ways and means of providing humanitarian aid to Afghanistan prior to the opening of an office in Kabul

At the opening of the G20 summit, the European Union pledged more than EUR 1 billion to Afghanistan, part of which is intended for urgent humanitarian needs and for Afghanistan's neighbours who have welcomed fleeing Afghans, after the Taliban took power in mid-August. The Council also spoke of the need for action on the ground, and different non-governmental organisations in the field have informed us about the imminent creation of the announced office in Kabul, in order to manage the pledged aid.

The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is terrible and urgent aid is required to tackle famine and disease, especially in the most isolated valleys, which may no longer be accessible as winter approaches.

1. Faced with the arrogance of the Taliban, which has asked for unconditional aid, and the difficulty of managing this aid without involving their representatives, how does the Commission intend to distribute it to the population?
2. Who are the direct interlocutors of the Commission in the distribution of aid and what measures are being taken to ensure their safety?
3. Through what channels does the Commission plan to distribute humanitarian aid in the most remote valleys and how will it prevent the risk of diversion?

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