

**Priority question for written answer P-004084/2022**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Links between Qatar and the European Union

In February 2020, Ms Bonfrisco and I tabled a question to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy regarding the nature of possible links between Qatar and a number of terrorist groups and asking him if he would consider imposing restrictions on Qatar in a bid to limit its financial clout in Europe.

In reply, the High Representative stated that the EU and the State of Qatar were conducting a regular dialogue in the framework of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and on a bilateral basis, regarding matters such as radicalisation and extremism, adding that the EU was currently not considering imposing restrictive measures on the State of Qatar.

However, the 'Qatargate' scandal, in which numerous members of the parliamentary left in Brussels are currently embroiled, has now provoked a media outcry and undermined the credibility of the entire European Parliament.

In light of this:

1. Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy give his views regarding the 'Qatargate' scandal and its possible implications for relations between the EU and Qatar?
2. In view of this, does he not consider it necessary to reconsider the conclusions contained in the answer to the previous question given by him in February 2020?

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