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

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**Subject:** International Criminal Court investigation into the Taliban's crimes against humanity and policy of gender apartheid

The Taliban regime has been implementing a policy of gender apartheid. The United Nations has stated that the Taliban has issued more than 50 decrees violating the dignity and harming every aspect of the lives of women and girls.

UN High Commissioner Volker Türk has said that: 'Denying women and girls' rights to participate in daily and public life not only denies them their human rights, it denies Afghanistan the benefit of the contributions they have to offer.'

Elizabeth Evenson, international justice director at Human Rights Watch, has stated, meanwhile, that the Taliban's cruel and methodical denial of the basic rights of women and girls to remove them from public life has received global attention.

Afghanistan acceded to the Rome Statute in 2003 and thus falls under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

Can High Representative/Vice President Josep Borrell therefore say:

1. What he intends to do to support the UN's approach to human rights violations in Afghanistan on the basis of gender segregation?
2. Whether the EU will support an International Criminal Court investigation into the Taliban?

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