**Question for written answer E-000126/2025**
**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**
Rule 144
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Subject: Kurdish people and minorities in the Rojava region

The fall of the Bashar al-Assad regime has produced instability that has allowed the influence of jihadist groups to spread in Syria. As a result, rights violations are affecting minorities in the region (particularly the Kurdish people), women and human rights defenders, especially in the Rojava region.

Direct action by the international community in the face of humanitarian disasters has in the past set up no-fly zones and carried out external intervention under the principle of the 'responsibility to protect' civilians. In view of this:

1. Does the EU intend to promote or support a resolution (directly or by way of its Member States) so that the UN Security Council can adopt measures to protect the Kurdish people, in line with calls from the Syrian Democratic Forces and the Kurdistan Regional Government?

2. Does the Commission consider the humanitarian situation in Kurdistan to be less serious than cases in which humanitarian intervention was adopted, such as Resolution 688 in Iraq?

3. Given the situation faced by minorities, women and other persecuted groups in Syria, does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy believe it is the time to 'ease sanctions' as she recently said?

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