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to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Repatriation of Syrians

It was believed that the Assad Government was the reason why many Syrians fled to the EU. Between 2015 and 2023, around 1.3 million Syrians are estimated to have been accepted into the EU after seeking a safe home/asylum as ‘Syrian refugees’. Following recent attacks by the jihadist organisations Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and the Syrian National Army, a large part of Syria was captured, resulting in the collapse of Bashar al-Assad’s government. The end of al-Assad’s rule was celebrated by Syrians all across Europe.

Given that their reason for seeking asylum has ceased to exist, there is no reason why procedures for returning Syrians to Syria should not be initiated right away, so that they can benefit from the implementation of a jihadist regime.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Does it have a registry of Syrians in Europe or does it intend to request this data from the Member States and NGOs that have been the driving force behind their movement and that have provided them with asylum?
2. How does it intend to coordinate mass returns from the EU and transport to Syria safely, quickly and efficiently, guaranteeing that former ‘refugees’ from Syria will not be forgotten in the EU?
3. Will it propose sanctions for NGOs that do not cooperate with identifying Syrians to enable their effective repatriation?

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