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**to the Commission**

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Subject: The risk of polycrisis in the immediate future

A strong transatlantic alliance is crucial to address common challenges. It is in the interest of the EU and the United States that their relationship is preserved.

However, the decision of the US administration to end the US development aid is an alarming one. In the last three months, 1.3 million displaced Ukrainians have lost financial support and shelter and 2.7 million no longer have access to medical assistance. In Africa, it is feared that the cuts to the US Agency for International Development (USAID) could lead to a migration crisis similar to that of 2015 in Syria. In Sudan, 25 million people are enduring acute food insecurity and at least 638 000 people are experiencing famine.

We now risk facing a security crisis on the eastern front, the return of organised terrorism<sup>1</sup> and simultaneous health and migration crises, all converging in time and space.

1. Has the Commission assessed the impact of USAID cuts? If so, how will the EU address the gap caused by this defunding?
2. Are any partnerships with non-EU countries being considered to mitigate its effects?
3. The debate on the US withdrawal mainly focuses on the defence aspect, but its impact is far-reaching. Is the Commission taking into account the scenario of simultaneous migration and health crises arising as a consequence?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/12/16/fight-against-terrorism-and-violent-extremism-council-approves-conclusions-on-reinforcing-external-internal-links/>.