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Subject: EUR 2.5 billion in financial aid earmarked by the EU for Syria

In December 2014, the fall of the Bashar al-Assad regime led to a political shake-up in Syria. An interim government has been composed, dominated by Hayat Tahrir al-Cham (HTC), an Islamist group and successor to Al-Qaeda, while certain regions of the country continue to suffer from the atrocities committed against certain communities.

Nonetheless, the European Union has decided to allocate EUR 2.5 billion euros to help rebuild Syria and for humanitarian assistance. Although this initiative aims to help the needy, there are still uncertainties as to the country's stability, the effective use of these funds and the merits of the EU's support for an Islamist regime whose interim president, Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa, is a former member of the terrorist groups Islamic State and Al-Qaeda.

1. How is the Commission considering the violent situation in Syria in its aid policy, and what guarantees does it intend to demand as to the protection of vulnerable groups, particularly Alawites, Christians and Druze?

2. What oversight mechanisms will the EU use to ensure that financial aid to Syria is used in a transparent and effective manner?

3. Does the Commission unequivocally condemn the past abuses perpetrated by Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa and the Islamist group HTC?

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