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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: Financial connections between the European External Action Service and NGOs in the USAID network

According to the ‘About Us’ section of its website, the European External Action Service (EEAS) works to support resilient democracies, promote human rights and contribute to a rules-based global order in Europe and around the world. However, the EEAS – the EU’s official diplomatic service, which receives approximately EUR 732 million annually from the EU budget – appears to cooperate with and fund NGOs that were previously part of the network of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), such as Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI), Save the Children, Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps and others.

In light of recent actions by US President Donald Trump, which led to the termination of most USAID foreign activities, we would like to raise the following questions:

1. Which other USAID-funded NGOs has the EEAS supported or worked with? How much funding was granted to these organisations in 2024 by the EEAS, and how much funding did the EEAS itself receive?
2. What steps has the Commission taken to ensure that this funding does not support foreign interests?
3. What level of oversight does the EEAS have over the activities of its NGO partners, which are based in non-EU countries, and how are cases of ideological or political bias addressed?

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