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to the Commission
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Subject: Detention conditions and forced returns at the Turkish border at centres partly funded by the European Union

Many testimonies and reports highlight serious concerns about detention centres on the Turkish border, where migrants and refugees are detained. Cases of forced returns to Syria and other countries have been reported, in violation of the principle of non-refoulement enshrined in international law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

It is extremely difficult for independent organisations and elected representatives to verify detention conditions in these centres, even though some of them are partly financed by EU funds in the framework of EU-Türkiye cooperation. This lack of transparency fuels serious concerns about the use of European public money and respect for the fundamental rights of those detained.

Can the Commission say:

1. What precise information does it have on detention conditions and forced return practices at these centres?

2. What safeguards has it put in place to ensure that EU funding does not contribute to violations of fundamental rights?

3. What steps does it intend to take to ensure independent and effective access to these centres, including for non-governmental organisations and elected representatives?

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