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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: EU policy on Belarus in light of recent developments

While the EU maintains a policy of sanctions and diplomatic restrictions on Belarus, several recent developments raise questions about the coherence and effectiveness of this approach.

In 2025, the Belarusian authorities carried out a series of clemency measures: 156 prisoners were released, including 123 in December, among whom were nationals of several EU Member States, as well as citizens of partner countries, such as the United States and the United Kingdom.

These decisions were presented by the Belarusian authorities as humanitarian gestures, but also as political signals aimed at promoting a gradual normalisation of international relations and contributing to the stabilisation of the situation in Europe.

The US has initiated a review of its sanctions regime, lifting some sanctions against the Belarusian potash fertiliser sector.

In this context, could the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following questions:

1. Does she believe that the EU's current position on Belarus remains fully in line with geopolitical realities and Europe's strategic interests?
2. Does she envisage a gradual and conditional evolution of this policy, given the potential role that Belarus could play as a facilitator in seeking a negotiated solution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

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