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to the Commission
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Subject: *Hammerbande* case and the danger of left-wing extremism

For years now, the German judiciary has been pursuing the case involving the *Hammerbande* (hammer gang) – a far-left, anti-fascist criminal organisation responsible for numerous attacks against far-right activists or alleged far-right individuals.

The gang, which takes its name from its use of hammers as weapons, has attacked at least 13 people over the years, some of whom were seriously injured and suffered life-threatening injuries – which is why the charges also include attempted murder.

Among the alleged attacks is one in Budapest in February 2023. The investigation files refer to MEP Ilaria Salis as many as 27 times, describing her as a 'foreign member' of the group.

In the light of the above:

1. Left-wing extremism is increasingly widespread and violent – what steps will the Commission take to counter it?

2. Does it believe it appropriate to designate Antifa groups as terrorist organisations – as the US, for example, has done?

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