Question for written answer E-002676/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Meeting between the Commission and a Taliban delegation in Brussels

On 23 June 2026, the Commission, together with several Member States, welcomed a Taliban delegation in Brussels to discuss migration issues, notably the return of Afghan migrants to their home country.

The Commission explained that these were merely technical discussions. It also points out that the EU does not formally recognise the Taliban regime and continues to condemn the numerous violations of fundamental rights, especially the restrictions on women and girls.

1. What concrete results were achieved at that meeting, in particular as regards the return of Afghan nationals subject to a return decision?

2. Does the continuation of these discussions depend on Afghanistan's de facto authorities cooperating fully with a view to readmitting Afghan nationals subject to return decisions and combating illegal migration networks?

3. What steps is the Commission taking to ensure that these contacts are not perceived as being a formal recognition or political legitimisation of the Taliban regime?

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