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to the Commission

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Subject: The instrumentalisation of migration at the EU's external borders and the inadequacy of asylum procedures in crisis situations

In her State of the Union Address, the President of the Commission stated that 'the events of this summer show that our tools need to evolve – especially for emergency situations. Europe needs the means to protect its borders at all times. Especially in scenarios when mass movements are engineered and weaponised. This is why we will propose a new European Emergency Response Framework'.¹

Commissioner Magnus Brunner is also reportedly considering the possibility of suspending the granting of asylum at the EU's external border in situations similar to the crisis in Ceuta.

We have repeatedly called for the introduction of such measures in letters, parliamentary questions addressed to the Commission, amendments to legislative acts and during exchanges of views with its representatives. However, the Commission has stubbornly persisted with its misguided ideological policy, the disastrous effects of which we have seen yet again in Ceuta.

1. In the Commission's view, how does the situation in Ceuta differ from the situation at the border with Belarus since 2021? Why did the Commission fail to support the Polish authorities at that time, leaving the protection of the EU's external border to the determination, commitment and steadfastness of the Polish authorities and security services?
2. Why did the Commission withdraw Regulation 2021/0427(COD) addressing situations of instrumentalisation in the field of migration and asylum², and does the Commission, having analysed its errors, agree that in the event of hybrid attacks on the EU's external borders – as has been the case since 2021 on the border with Belarus or, more recently, in Ceuta, Spain – it is justified to temporarily suspend asylum procedures at the border and turn back migrants who are residing lawfully on the territory of a country neighbouring the EU?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/SPEECH_26_1868.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0890>.