Priority question for written answer P-000491/2025/rev.1
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: Turkish attacks in Syria

The SDF is known internationally as the most democratic component in Syria. “Our vision for Syria is a decentralised, secular and civilized country based on democracy that preserves the rights of all its constituents,” the SDF leader said, referring to the country’s diverse religious groups, including Sunni Muslims, Christians, Alawites, Druze and Yazidis, and ethnic groups, including Arabs, Kurds, Turkmens and Armenians. Predictably, the SDF is the main target of Türkiye, which, along with its mercenaries, continues to attack the SDF near the Tishrin Dam, targeting innocent civilians amid international silence.

In light of the above,

1. Considering the Islamist background of HTS, EU countries should under no circumstances remove it from the terrorist list or lift sanctions until Syria has a democratic government which can adopt a new constitution that guarantees equal representation and protection for all citizens. How does the Vice-President/High Representative intend to ensure that these principles are respected?

2. What measures will the Vice-President/High Representative implement to prevent Syria from becoming a new haven for Islamic radicals, similar to Afghanistan?

3. What measures will the Vice-President/High Representative put in place to enforce a ceasefire across Syria and give Syrians the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and rebuild their country?

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