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Subject: Deadly attacks in Syria against Alawite and Christian minorities

For several days, deadly attacks have been taking place in Syria against the Alawite and Christian minorities, which we condemn. Syria's transitional government must assume its responsibilities and provide evidence to the European Union of its full commitment to prosecute and convict the perpetrators of these hate crimes. Syria must not descend into Islamism, as happened in Iraq and Libya when their dictatorial regimes fell, nor must it be so naive as to overlook the fact that Ahmed al-Sharaa was an al-Qaeda and Islamic State fighter before becoming President of the Syrian Arab Republic. On 17 January 2025 the Commission announced EUR 235 million in humanitarian aid for Syria and neighbouring countries, and on 24 February 2025 the Council of the European Union announced the suspension of sectoral measures, but we should be vigilant about any normalisation of diplomatic relations.

1. How does the EU monitor the use of the funds allocated to Syria?
2. How does the EU intend to investigate the deadly attacks committed in early March 2025 and determine the involvement of the new regime in those attacks?
3. How will the EU's sanctions regime against Syria change?

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