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to the Commission**
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Subject: EU entry restrictions against representatives of Republika Srpska – Legal basis and proportionality

On 2 April 2025, the Austrian Federal Government, together with Germany, imposed entry and travel restrictions on three leading Republika Srpska politicians including Milorad Dodik, on the grounds of the then-ongoing constitutional crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina and allegations that Republika Srpska's leadership was jeopardising the country's constitutional order, stability and territorial integrity and hindering its EU integration process.

This gives rise to questions as to the proportionality, legal basis and time limits of such bilateral measures. We should rather be facilitating dialogue and direct talks, particularly with political stakeholders in the Western Balkans. A permanent ban on political representatives may hinder dialogue rather than helping to defuse existing conflicts.

1. What view does the Commission take of Austria's and Germany's bilateral entry and transit restrictions on Milorad Dodik and other representatives of Republika Srpska without any corresponding uniform EU-wide rules in place?
2. How long does the Commission think such entry restrictions should be maintained, and what specific criteria need to be fulfilled for them to be lifted?
3. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that differing national entry restrictions within the European area do not give rise to unequal treatment of individual political representatives and that political dialogue with all relevant actors in Bosnia and Herzegovina remains possible?

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