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on behalf of the European Commission
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While Türkiye remains fully responsible for the situation and management of removal centres, in line with international and European standards, the Commission and the EU Delegation to Türkiye regularly carry out monitoring missions in the reception centres receiving EU financial assistance. The focus of the monitoring missions, which must be announced in advance, is on the delivery of EU-funded supplies and the efficiency of assistance provided. The findings of these missions, as well as the allegations from the press about the situation in the reception centres, were shared with the Turkish authorities in order for them to carry out investigations and take corrective measures where needed.

The Council of Europe Special Rapporteur on Migration and Asylum¹ reported that EU financial assistance has contributed to improve the physical and material conditions in the reception centres.

Respect for international and human rights law, including the principle of non-refoulement, are embedded in EU policies. The Commission remains firmly committed to these principles in the framework of policy dialogue with Türkiye and is monitoring very closely the human rights situation in the country, including the situation of refugees and migrants.

¹ <https://rm.coe.int/report-of-the-fact-finding-mission-to-turkey/1680a4b673>