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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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Under the Reception Conditions Directive¹, all asylum-seekers, including unaccompanied minors, are entitled to receive material reception conditions, including a daily expenses allowance, which should allow them to enjoy a minimum degree of autonomy. Based on a case-by-case assessment, Member States may only reduce or withdraw material reception conditions – including the daily expenses allowance – in specified situations, including for example in cases of absconding, not complying with procedural obligations, or failure to take part in integration activities², after having taken an individual decision for each beneficiary. For unaccompanied minors, such sanctions should be applied taking into account the best interests of the child. In addition, Member States may grant less favourable treatment to applicants compared with nationals when providing material reception conditions in the form of financial allowances or vouchers³.

These EU rules are relevant only for asylum-seekers. However, very few migrant unaccompanied minors arriving to Spain apply for protection⁴.

The Commission does not hold information as to whether the children concerned by the Honourable Member's inquiry are asylum-seekers, or as to whether Asylum and Migration and Integration Fund ('AMIF') funding has been or is being disbursed to child protection facilities in Aragon. This information could be requested from the competent Spanish authorities.

The Commission monitors compliance with EU legislation, and it can take action where there is consistent evidence of systematic breach of the EU rules, be it by the administrative practice or concerning the transposition of EU law, while ensuring that all measures falling under EU competence comply with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

¹ Directive (EU) 2024/1346 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection, OJ L, 2024/1346, 22.5.2024. See in particular Recital 8 and Articles 2(7), 2(8) and 19 thereof.

² See Article 23 of the abovementioned Directive.

³ See Art. 19(7) of the same Directive.

⁴ This occurs for a variety of reasons that are beyond the scope of this exchange. See e.g.

<https://asylumineurope.org/reports/country/spain/asylum-procedure/guarantees-vulnerable-groups/legal-representation-unaccompanied-children/>.