

**Question for written answer
to the President of the European Council**

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Subject: Women in Afghanistan

A tragedy is unfolding in Afghanistan as the Taliban is seizing control over the country. Under the Taliban regime, Afghan women and girls will go back to the living conditions of 2001 when they were systematically denied access to education, employment, and freedom of movement. The European Union must act decisively to avert further tragedy and use all possible means to protect the women and girls in Afghanistan from attacks and repression by the Taliban.

- 1 Thousands of Afghans are at high risk of retaliation by the Taliban, including academics, journalists, human rights activists and women's rights defenders. How is the President of the European Council going to ensure that European Governments are taking all necessary measures to guarantee a safe exit from Afghanistan for anyone, and women and girls specifically, at risk of being targeted by the Taliban?
- 2 Since the end of May, already 250,000 people have been forced from their homes; 80% of them are women and children¹. How will the President of the European Council urge Member States to take responsibility in granting access to asylum procedures for women and girls in danger and ensure they can continue their education without restrictions?

¹ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/08/1097742>