Question for written answer E-002916/2024 to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: US Attorney General Pam Bondi's plans regarding student visas

In response to rampant anti-Semitism in the United States, particularly at universities, US Attorney General Pam Bondi is calling for the revocation of visas for students who express support for Hamas¹.

According to recent research², anti-Semitism is also on the rise at European universities.

- 1. Does the Commission have mechanisms in place to verify whether non-EU students studying or conducting research at European educational and research institutions and receiving Erasmus+ or Erasmus Mundus grants are supporting Islamist organisations and terrorist movements?
- 2. What sanctions does the Commission foresee to address this?
- 3. Does the Commission undertake to immediately suspend the grants being paid to these students and to actively encourage the relevant authorities to revoke their student visas so that these individuals can be immediately sent back to their countries of origin?

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https://vinnews.com/2024/12/04/incoming-ag-pam-bondi-calls-for-revocation-of-visas-and-reinstatement-of-travel-ban-for-pro-hamas-students/.

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