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The President

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Honourable Members,

Thank you for your letter of 2 January in which you express your urgent concerns about the tragic migration situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). As has been stated by High Representative Borrell, the situation in Una Sana canton is unacceptable.

The EU has raised its concerns regarding the situation with the BiH authorities on several occasions in the past months, including at the Justice and Home Affairs ministerial meeting with the Western Balkan partners in October 2020 and at the November 2020 UN Security Council debate on the situation in BiH.

The EU has been also providing concrete support. Since early 2018, the EU has provided more than €88 million either directly to BiH or through implementing partner organisations to address the immediate needs of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants and to help BiH strengthen its migration management capacities. Moreover, on 3 January, the Commission announced an additional EUR 3.5 million in humanitarian aid to help vulnerable refugees and migrants in BiH.

It is now important that BiH uses this support and its own resources to urgently address the current situation and to provide long-term solutions.

Yours sincerely,

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