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Dear Members of the European Parliament,

Thank you for your letter sent on 30 October 2018, copied to the EU Ambassador in Rabat and undersigned, in which you brought to the attention of the EEAS the situation of the Syrian national Mr. Yasser Abdelazziz Naqro and his family, who had been registered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Morocco Office on 16 May 2018 as asylum seekers residing in Marrakech.

Following your letter, the EU Delegation in Rabat has been in close contact with the UNHCR team in Morocco, which has provided updated information on the status of the Naqro family. More precisely, on 27 November UNHCR informed the EU Delegation that the three children of Mr. Naqro, namely Khadra, Khaled and Rahaf, had crossed the border between Beni Ansar and the Spanish city of Melilla, thus reuniting with their mother, Samiha Alkheder, and their infant brother Abelazziz, who had entered Melilla on 25 October 2018 without paying any fees to traffickers or any other persons, according to Mr. Naqro's statement.

As reported by UNHCR on 27 November, Mr. Naqro is currently in Nador and hopes to cross the border soon.

I trust this information is of use.

Yours sincerely,

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