

**Question for written answer E-006437/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in Irak, South Sudan, Syria and the Central African Republic

On 13 August 2014 the United Nations took the unprecedented step of declaring a level 3 – which is the highest level – humanitarian crisis in Irak, South Sudan, Syria and the Central African Republic. Given the scale and complexity of the current humanitarian catastrophe:

1. What steps has the Commission taken to mobilise additional resources in the form of goods, funds and assets to ensure a more effective response to the humanitarian needs of the populations forced to leave their homes?
2. Leaving aside individual action taken by some Member States, what mechanism for coordinated external action has the Commission organised?
3. What work has the EU's Representative to the United Nations been carrying out in this regard?