

**Question for written answer E-010580/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: United Nations World Food Programme

According to press reports, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has announced that, owing to a lack of funding, it is suspending food aid to some 1.7 million Syrian refugees in Jordan, Libya, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq. The WFP has said that it needs USD 64 million to be able to address the dire situation they are facing. The agency warns that many families could die of hunger if they have to go without food vouchers and that, with winter drawing in, the suspension of this aid will have devastating consequences for countless refugees.

Since the Commission is doubtless already aware of this situation, can it say:

- how the EU can counteract the potentially disastrous consequences of WFP food aid being cut off;
- whether any measures have already been put in place to ensure that the desperate plight of these refugees does not become a full-blown tragedy;
- what food aid the EU provides as part of its humanitarian aid programmes?