

**Question for written answer E-000515/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Huda winter storm in Gaza

According to the United Nations, more than 96 000 houses were destroyed in the Israeli attacks against Gaza, 17 000 displaced people are still living in schools and the majority of the 110 000 homeless in Gaza are children.

Storm Huda hit Gaza on 10 January, leaving several people dead in its wake, including children, and flooding houses.

The Israeli siege of Gaza is preventing the majority of Gazans from rebuilding their houses, forcing them to live in mobile homes or unhealthy accommodation.

Fuel shortages prevent the use of machines to pump out and treat wastewater, which could help Gazans to cope with these floods. Gazans are living under inhuman conditions, having to use candles and wood fires due to shortages of electricity, and using sandbags to protect their houses against the threat of flooding.

1. Is the Commission aware of the information provided by the United Nations on the position of children in Gaza?
2. What action has the EU taken to help people cope with the winter in Gaza?
3. Can the Commission exert pressure to get the crossing points to Gaza opened so that humanitarian aid for reconstruction can get through?