

**Question for written answer E-001609/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ebola

21 797 (suspected, probable and confirmed) cases of Ebola and close to 8 700 deaths caused by the virus have occurred since the 2013 outbreak in West Africa.

In the week commencing 19 January 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) Emergency Committee announced that there was no budget allocation for the coming months. The WHO's budget for the next six months is USD 1.5 billion, of which only USD 482 million is accessible before February. As a result, in the words of the WHO, 'there is a substantial risk of Ebola spreading to another country'.

Will the EU make an exceptional contribution to cover this shortfall?