

**Question for written answer E-003875/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Lack of funds for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency

Owing to a lack of funds, in January 2015 the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was forced to suspend the cash assistance programme through which it funds repairs and provides rental subsidies for Palestinian refugee families in Gaza. UNRWA urgently requires USD 100 million in the first quarter of 2015 for the purpose of enabling refugee families with minor damage to their homes to make repairs, and of providing ongoing rental subsidies, including to the thousands of families who have left UNRWA-run collective centres and found alternative rental accommodation. UNRWA is concerned that if it cannot continue to provide rental subsidies, large numbers of affected families may return to the collective centres.

Does the EU intend to mobilise special resources to support UNRWA, given the urgency and importance of its work in fostering peace and protecting human rights in Palestine?