

**Question for written answer E-006848/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Access to drinking water

Sunday, 22 March was World Water Day, and Unicef seized the opportunity to emphasise that 1 000 children die every day as a result of a lack of drinking water. Some 11% of the world's population still do not have access to drinking water, chiefly in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Drinking water is vital in stopping the spread of disease and in ensuring that children remain fit and healthy.

Unicef is demanding that, by 2030, everyone should enjoy basic access to drinking water and to sanitation facilities either at home or in close proximity.

1. Could the Commission explain how it supports access to drinking water via its development policies?
2. Is it intending to step up its programmes to ensure that everyone has basic access to drinking water and sanitation facilities by 2030?