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Subject: Cancellation of debt for countries affected by Ebola

According to the latest World Health Organisation (WHO) report, Ebola has killed more than 10 000 people, with 24 350 cases in total. At the most recent donor conference, held in Brussels on 3 March 2015, the United Nations reiterated the need to cancel the debt of the principal countries affected by Ebola: Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

Bearing in mind that the majority of the 'international donations' will in reality come back to the donors in the form of debt reimbursement and servicing, and that a large proportion of the donations promised by the EU have not yet arrived in the countries in question,

1. does the Council consider debt cancellation to be a first step towards the reconstruction of these countries?
2. when will the money promised by the EU be paid?