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Subject: European Aid for Nepal

The earthquake in Nepal, the worst such catastrophe to befall the country in 80 years, is one of the most serious international disasters of recent years. Whole towns have been destroyed and basic needs such as food and water are in very short supply. At the time of writing, the earthquake has left some 4 000 people dead, 6 500 injured, and 100 000 children in urgent need of humanitarian aid. The United Nations estimates that more than 8 million people have been affected by the earthquake, more than a quarter of the population.

The European Commission has already sent the Nepalese Government humanitarian aid worth some EUR 3 million to assist in the aftermath of the earthquake.

In the light of previous aid granted by the EU, and given the ongoing problems of countries that have suffered similar disasters in the past (for example, Haiti, where more than 80 000 people are still sleeping in tents), what mechanisms does the EU envisage to safeguard and guarantee humanitarian aid in Nepal in the medium to long term?