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Subject: Humanitarian aid shortage in the Tindouf Camps

The World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) warned that the combination of aid reduction caused by the financial crisis and proliferation of new conflicts has led to the reduction of the food package aimed at refugee camps in Western Sahara located in Algeria's territories.

In the event that the current lack of funds persists, the UN will be forced to stop sending food aid starting next July. This will not only have a disastrous impact on the already alarming rates of malnutrition and anaemia in the refugee population, but it could also have 'unintended consequences' – according to warnings launched by these agencies and a number of NGOs – for stability in the region, increasing the already enormous frustration of the Sahrawi people with regard to the blocked UN peace plan, and the success of the Moroccan campaign aimed at cutting the above mentioned aids, based on false allegations of the supposed diversion of donations.

1. Does the Commission intend to enforce measures to prevent a food crisis in the Sahrawi camps?
2. Should EU humanitarian aid strengthen its solidarity presence to prevent an intolerable situation in an area particularly sensitive regarding its safety?