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to the Commission**

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Subject: Insuring vulnerable communities against the risk of climate change

At the G7 meeting being held in Bavaria in a few days, Angela Merkel will present a proposal for industrial countries to contribute to insuring vulnerable communities in developing countries against the risks of climate change.

Losses caused by natural disasters have increased considerably in recent decades, causing millions in losses. This traps people in a cycle of poverty, particularly the most vulnerable groups, and jeopardises the results of activities to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

The proposal that Chancellor Merkel will present suggests the creation of pilot schemes, working alongside the World Bank, based on existing regional insurance systems and on the use of public and private funds to generate the necessary premiums.

Has the Commission looked at this sort of proposal at all? What is the Commission's opinion of this new proposal and how could it take part? Can the Commission confirm whether initiatives of this sort already exist in the numerous aid programmes it finances in developing countries?