

**Question for written answer E-009367/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Urgent humanitarian aid for the camps in the Western Sahara

Article 214(7) of the TFEU states that 'The Union shall ensure that its humanitarian aid operations are coordinated and consistent with those of international organisations and bodies, in particular those forming part of the United Nations system'. In this sense, I would like to remind the Commission that, in a question dated 1 June 2015, I, along with 16 other MEPs, warned that both the WFP and the UNHCR – both of which form part of the United Nations system – have warned of the possibility of suspending food aid for the Tindouf camps as early as 1 July 2015, together with the terrible and unforeseen humanitarian consequences that would be the result of such action.

1. What urgent measures is the Commission able to adopt, both autonomously and by encouraging action by Member States, to cooperate with the United Nations organisations working in the refugee camps and to avoid what would be a humanitarian disaster in the making if aid were to be suspended?
2. Does the Commission recognise the worth of stabilising humanitarian aid to the refugee camps, which has been cut by over 50 % by some Member States, such as Spain, as a necessity in order to stem the rise of radicalism in a geostrategic area that is so important to European interests?