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Subject: EU announcement on new funding for the Caribbean: Climate Change, Environment,

Disaster Management and Sustainable Energy

On 11 June 2015 the Vice-President / High Representative, Federica Mogherini, signed a new regional funding programme up to 2020 to the sum of EUR 346 million with the Caribbean region, representing a doubling of the EU's funding efforts of previous years.

These funds are part of an overall EU package of almost EUR 700 million in support of Latin America and the Caribbean, in the context of the EU-CELAC Heads of State and Government Summit and the EU-CELAC Business Summit. The funding provided for the Caribbean region will address the challenges in three main areas: 1) Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration; 2) Climate Change, Environment, Disaster Management and Sustainable Energy; and 3) Crime and Security.

The funding provided under the second heading amounts to a total of EUR 61.5 million, intended to improve regional resilience to impacts of climate change and natural disasters, to support regional capacity for the sustainable use of natural resources, and to promote efficiency and renewable energies. In view of the importance of the areas covered by this heading, would the EU be willing to grant additional financial assistance to this end?

How does the EU intend to measure the successful or unsuccessful impact of the measures implemented and the use of the financial assistance provided?

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