

**Question for written answer E-014240/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Protection of Sahrawi refugees

The European Community Humanitarian aid Office (ECHO) reports that, since 16 October 2015, torrential rains have affected the region of Tindouf in south-western Algeria and the five Sahrawi refugee camps located south of the city of Tindouf.

According to estimates by ECHO, the UN and a number of international non-governmental organisation, as of 23 October 4 350 households have been directly affected by torrential rains and are in urgent need of support. A joint assessment by the UN and a number of non-governmental organisations reveals important damages in the camp of Dakhla, where 3 000 families have lost their dwellings and belongings. As Sahrawi refugees are wholly dependent on international aid, what measures are the Commission taking in response to the humanitarian crisis in Tindouf?