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Subject: Humanitarian aid for Western Sahara

6 November 2015 marked 40 years since the Green March that resulted in Spain withdrawing from the territory of Western Sahara, with the ongoing UN decolonisation mission remaining incomplete, and also forced thousands of Sahrawis to flee to refugee camps in the Algerian desert.

Forty years on, there is sadly very little scope for the situation to change for the communities affected, and more generally for a resolution to the conflict.

In addition, in the last few weeks more than 3 000 homes have been destroyed by heavy rainfall in the refugee camps.

Given the circumstances, has the Commission any plans to increase the amount of humanitarian aid to be sent this year to the camps in Tindouf so as to give more than the annual average of EUR 10 million sent in recent years?