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Subject: Emergency funding - Sahrawi refugee camps

According to the estimates of the UNCHR agency in Tindouf, the flooding of the Sahrawi camps in October 2015 has destroyed almost 18 000 residences, including the total destruction of the Dakhla camp. This situation has compounded the effects of the dramatic humanitarian crisis which has been brewing for the past year and threatens the distribution of even the basic food basket allocated by the UNCHR to the refugees of this 40-year-old conflict.

The UN appeal to donors of 28 October 2015, which concentrated on the urgent needs after the floods, has only secured funding of 60 % of the total call for USD 19.6 million.

We believe the EU should be at the forefront of reaction to this emergency, mobilising funds from its own budget and those of Member States, given its historical and present responsibilities in the European neighbourhood.

How much has the EU contributed in emergency funding and in-kind donations in this crisis, and how much will it contribute to make up for the shortfall in emergency donations registered by the UNCHR?

What additional aid coordinated with those emergency measures will be made available to counter the structural shortage of funds in the Sahrawi refugee camps?