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to the Commission**
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Subject: Haiti and the cholera epidemic

More than 1 000 people were killed by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, according to figures released by the civil protection authority in Port-au-Prince. These numbers are still provisional and may rise as new information is gathered from the most remote areas.

The authorities in Haiti recognise that the south of the country is facing a disaster, since the amount of destruction caused is significant in a country that has yet to recover from the 2010 earthquake, which caused 300 000 deaths. Several NGOs and the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) fear that the humanitarian crisis could worsen further with the increased spread of cholera, with 28 500 cases being recorded so far this year.

In an effort to respond to this epidemic, Cuba has already sent a team of 38 specialised doctors to support the 600 Cuban health workers who are already providing healthcare in Haiti.

Can the Commission say what instruments could be released to tackle these health emergencies and what action is being taken to help Haiti's population in the fight against cholera?