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to the Commission**
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Subject: Effective support for development in ACP countries against a backdrop of dwindling funding for development aid

In 2005 the EU and its Member States pledged to increase their collective official development assistance (ODA) to 0.7% of GNI by 2015. No other donor has made such an ambitious commitment to increase the level of aid.

Unfortunately, however, some 17 years on from the initial declaration, just 4 of the 28 Member States are setting aside the agreed amount. The EU average for aid is currently just 0.4% of GNI. Over the past few years there has been a marked decrease in the amount of aid provided to the poorest countries.

This is a particular problem for African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, which are the principal recipients of ODA, including ODA provided by the EU. It is worth remembering with that in mind that 2020 will see the expiry of the agreement that set out the development and other cooperation arrangements between the EU and the ACP countries, and a new framework will be needed. At the same time, it is hard to see how it will be possible to increase expenditure on development aid under the EU's multiannual financial framework post-2020.

In the light of the foregoing, how is the Commission planning to ensure effective support for development in ACP countries against a backdrop of a marked drop in funding for development aid?