

**Question for written answer E-001423/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Emergency aid to eliminate famine in four countries

The World Food Programme (WFP) published a report in which it stated that famine is imminent in some regions of four countries: Yemen, South Sudan, Nigeria and Somalia. According to the WFP, 20 million people are at risk of dying from hunger in the next six months. The reasons for this human catastrophe vary from one country to the next. In Yemen and South Sudan, it is due to conflict and economic collapse. In Nigeria, the policies of Boko Haram are the primary cause. Finally, severe drought is severely inhibiting agriculture in Somalia.

WFP Deputy Director, Peter Smerdon, believes that in order to combat famine, it is vital that a climate of peace is restored in those countries in order to eliminate all forms of permanent conflict. The WFP itself is making significant efforts to end this humanitarian catastrophe through food distribution and emergency aid.

However, given the number of people at risk, what measures is the Commission planning to take in order to boost the humanitarian efforts being made in the field?