

**Question for written answer E-006781/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Outbreak of the plague in Madagascar

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), Madagascar is currently suffering from an epidemic of the plague which, unlike earlier epidemics, is affecting extensive urban areas. A report published in October indicated that, of the 231 persons who had contracted the disease since August, 33 had died. People are extremely worried and pharmacies are dispensing masks and antibiotics in great numbers.

The authorities in Madagascar closed the Universities of Antananarivo and Toamasina. The Government of Madagascar also banned public gatherings in the capital until further notice to avoid a spread of the disease.

Can the Commission say what measures are being taken with regard to the movement of people and goods to prevent the disease spreading to the European continent?