

**Question for written answer E-002329/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cholera epidemic in Malawi

In February of this year, the Government of Malawi announced that the number of individuals affected by a cholera epidemic had exceeded the 500 mark. Given the insufficient doses of vaccine, the virus remains a threat. In an attempt to contain it, UNICEF is using drones that map certain regions in order to detect at-risk areas. The information gathered using these technologies makes it possible to intervene more quickly in order to bring help to those populations that could be affected by the epidemic.

In June 2017, the Commission decided to provide an additional EUR 5 million to combat the cholera epidemic that was ravaging Yemen, bringing the total amount of aid to almost EUR 9 million.

- 1) Is the Commission aware of the worrying health situation in Malawi? Is it considering providing financial or material assistance, as it has already done for other countries?
- 2) Could the Commission learn from practices such as UNICEF's use of new technologies to combat epidemics?