

**Question for written answer E-002850/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject:     Stockpiling Ebola vaccine and the elimination of new outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

A new outbreak of Ebola in the DRC has already claimed dozens of victims and the virus appears to have spread from a limited area near Bikoro, in the north-west of the country, in the province of Equateur to Wangata, one of the three health districts of Mbandaka, a city with a population of nearly 1.2 million.

Already in late 2016, the WHO identified the rVsv-Zebv vaccine as the first to prevent Ebola infections with a 100 % success rate.

Can the Commission say:

- 1)     Why are there still outbreaks of Ebola in the world when there is a vaccine that could be made available to countries in which there is Ebola, to achieve population immunity in these countries so as to prevent the virus being transmitted across borders?
- 2)     Have the necessary measures been taken to reinforce checks at points of entry into Europe for passengers from DRC?
- 3)     What steps is the Commission taking to help the DRC to eradicate this virus forever?