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to the Commission**
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Subject: Support measures for sustainable forests

Today, forests are under threat from countless social, economic and environmental factors. In Portugal, the loss of profitability of traditional timber production has led to a monoculture regime, which, together with climate change, makes it more likely that serious and large-scale wildfires will occur.

Approximately 90% of EU forest-related funds come from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, covering investments in afforestation and the creation of wooded areas, in the establishment of agroforestry systems and in the area of prevention. In other words, the CAP does not provide for any kind of remuneration for forest environmental services.

It is clear that this type of support is clearly insufficient to ensure the profitability of an investment in the so-called sustainable forest whose life cycle is incompatible with the funding horizons of Community assistance.

Will the Commission say whether, in view of the worrying situation of southern European countries as a result of climate change, it is considering readjusting its 2013 EU Strategy for Forests and the Forest-based Sector and its 'Forest MAP' action programme in order to create assistance to promote the multifunctional character of forests, in particular their environmental, economic and social aspects?