ORAL QUESTION H-0851/02 for Question Time at the part-session in January 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Carlos Lage to the Commission

Subject: Humanitarian crisis in Angola

The protracted war in Angola has brought about a severe crisis and a calamitous economic and social situation. Thousands of people, children included, are dying of hunger. The Luanda Government has been appealing again and again for emergency aid. Given the scale of the humanitarian crisis in Angola, international aid, not least from the European Union, has to be stepped up immediately. Is the Commission monitoring developments as regards hunger in Angola, which, according to the most recent figures, is now besetting four million people? What steps is it taking to minimise the immense human suffering?

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