

**Question for written answer P-004286/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Emergency in Vanuatu in the aftermath of Cyclone Pam and deployment of European aid

In the last few days, the Vanuatu archipelago has been devastated by Cyclone Pam. Torrential rainfall and winds of up to 320 km/h were recorded during one of the worst tropical cyclones ever seen in the Pacific. The UN has confirmed the deaths of 44 people so far. According to those NGOs that have arrived in Vanuatu, 90% of the territory of the 83-island archipelago has been devastated by the deadly cyclone (75% of the capital, Port Vila). On Sunday, 15 March the government declared a state of emergency and appealed for international aid. Some States have already started to send aid to cope with the immediate consequences.

Given the state of extreme emergency, what measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the aid to be deployed by the European Union will be used with the utmost transparency in order to optimise reconstruction efforts?