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to the Commission**

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Subject: Emergency humanitarian aid programme for Greece

The combined impact of the crisis and austerity policies has slashed Greece's GDP by a quarter. For ordinary Greeks, this has meant on average a 30% drop in their incomes. The most vulnerable members of society have been hit by both the drastic and ongoing decline in their incomes brought about by the new programme of measures imposed on Greece and the destruction of public services and, therefore, of the health and social security safety net.

The Commission and the President of Parliament have both come out in support of humanitarian aid for Greece.

Given that Greece has significantly improved its take-up of Structural Fund resources, it will not be enough simply to draw on funding which has been earmarked for Greece but not used. What new forms of funding does the Commission intend to make available in order to implement a humanitarian aid programme?

European stockfarmers and dairy farmers are desperate to find new markets for their produce. Can the Commission exploit this crisis in demand as a way of meeting the urgent needs of the Greek people through an emergency food aid programme?

By addressing the problems facing two groups in this way, the Commission would be demonstrating solidarity and upholding the principles underpinning European food aid.