

**Question for written answer P-005942/2017  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
Jean Lambert (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Humanitarian aid to Myanmar and Bangladesh in relation to the situation of the Rohingyas

We are witnessing with growing concern the appalling humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State in Myanmar, where hundreds of thousands of Muslim Rohingyas have been persecuted and forced to flee to neighbouring Bangladesh. We welcome the announcement that the Commission's DG ECHO has increased its humanitarian aid effort by EUR 3 million, on top of the EUR 12 million announced by Commissioner Stylianides during his visit to Rakhine in May 2017.

In her statement to the European Parliament plenary in Strasbourg on 14 September 2017, the VP/HR confirmed that the additional aid would be delivered to both Myanmar and Bangladesh. However, in the same statement she also recognised that not only NGOs but also UN bodies are prevented by the Myanmar authorities from entering Rakhine State.

How will the additional EUR 3 million humanitarian aid be allocated between Bangladesh and Myanmar, given that for the time being Myanmar is refusing access to its territory, while Bangladesh is hosting more than 400 000 refugees?

What are the Commission and the EEAS doing to improve accessibility for those areas?

How will be the humanitarian aid be used concretely to alleviate the suffering of the affected populations?