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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by Marieke Sanders-Ten Holte and Lone Dybkjaer on behalf of the ELDR Group

on Humanitarian Aid to Goma (DRC)

The European Parliament,

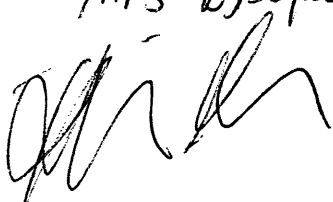
- Having regard to its previous resolutions on the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- A. Whereas 30% of the population of Goma has been left homeless by the eruption of Mount Nyirangongo in the Democratic Republic of Congo and some 300,000 people are estimated to need assistance;
- B. Whereas more than 12,000 homes are believed to have been swept away by the lava flows;
- C. Whereas general distribution of food is still on hold due to allegations of multi-registration and preferential treatment;
- D. Whereas the quantity of water available to residents in certain areas of Goma is insufficient;
- E. Whereas there is an urgent need for emergency education interventions to ensure that displaced children from Goma can continue their studies;

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1. Is deeply shocked by the eruption of the volcano, which has caused hundreds of casualties and has aggravated the humanitarian situation of the DRC, which has already suffered from several years of conflict;
2. Expresses its solidarity with the families of the victims and those affected by this disaster;
3. Recalls its resolution of 13 December 2001 and the need to restore Goma's local economy, secure access of the civilian population to food, medical and health care centres;
4. Welcomes the international community's rapid response in providing assistance to this region and calls, in particular, on the Commission to examine every possibility for extending special emergency aid to the victims;
5. Considers a team of technical experts of major importance to assess and quantify damage caused and to identify what reconstruction measures are necessary;
6. Notes that the cooperation between the European Union and the DRC has had a new start;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, the African Union, the Governments of the DR Congo and Rwanda and the UN Secretary General.

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