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to the Commission

Subject: Funding for ABSPP (= Charity Association for Solidarity with the Palestinian People)  
non-governmental organisation

On Sunday 15 and Monday 16 January 2006 an authoritative Italian newspaper published two articles on the activities pursued by ABSPP (= Charity Association for Solidarity with the Palestinian People) - an NGO which has its headquarters at Bolzaneto and Milan.

According to that newspaper, ABSPP and other Italian NGOs have diverted to the families of suicide bombers the money collected throughout Italy for the benefit of Palestine.

Will the Commission say whether ABSPP and Interpal (a large organisation close to Hamas) have received any funding - and if so, how much? Will the Commission also say how close ABSPP is to Hamas?