

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6182/08
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to the Council

Subject: Deployment of EU battle groups in east Congo

1. Is the Council aware that the fighting in east Congo is escalating rapidly and that the humanitarian disaster in the area is assuming ever greater proportions?
2. Does the Council share the view that it is unacceptable that access to hundreds of thousands of refugees for food, medicines and other aid should have been made virtually impossible by the violent fighting and bad weather?
3. Does the Council agree that deployment of EU battle groups with a UN mandate should be begun in east Congo in order to prevent the situation from deteriorating further and to ensure that aid reaches its intended destination?