

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4212/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Fires in Attica

Over the last few days the whole of Europe has been shocked by the fires which have ravaged Attica and also by the Greek government's inability to limit the extent of the disaster to a tolerable level. The scale of the disaster is enormous, since many hectares of woodland, as well as houses and properties belonging to citizens have been destroyed. The economic and ecological impact will be enormous, and those affected need help from all of us.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to make available EU funds for those affected by the fires in Attica and other regions? If so, on what timescale?
2. Has it provided the Greek government with EU aid in the past to strengthen its fire-fighting capability? If so, what level of resources was involved, and has it controlled how this sum was used?