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to the Commission**
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Subject: Bioenergy projects

In comparison with other countries, developing countries have very poor electricity grids, which in some cases also act as a powerful brake on their economic development. On the other hand, conditions in many countries receiving development aid would warrant increasing the use of solar energy, for example. The principles of sustainable development are quite rightly stressed in all fields of EU policy. Concentrating development aid more on bioenergy projects would by its nature be sustainable and in this way the EU could pursue a development cooperation policy based on the countries' own strengths.

Has the Commission taken any decisions in principle on the development policy priorities for the financing period beginning in 2014, and is it the intention to focus development aid more than at present on bioenergy projects and thus to promote worldwide sustainable development?