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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Solidarity Fund

The European Union is built around the principles of solidarity and of shared responsibilities within the Community to provide quality of life for all citizens. In response to the severe floods in Central Europe in the summer of 2002, the European Union set up the Solidarity Fund to help those countries in need.

1. Does the Commission agree that prevention of natural disasters is of essential importance to minimise the consequences of future natural disasters?
2. Does the Commission agree that prevention activities should be included in the EU Solidarity Fund?
3. What changes can be foreseen to include prevention-orientated criteria in the new regulation for the EU Solidarity Fund 2014-2020?