

**Question for written answer E-005719/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Thijs Berman (S&D)**

Subject: Follow-up to CONT committee report on Haiti

From 22 to 26 February 2012 a delegation from Parliament's CONT committee travelled to Haiti to report back whether EU aid had been well managed and controlled after the earthquake of 2010. In its recommendation this delegation said, amongst other things, the following<sup>1</sup>:

Although there are 18 ministers and 19 secretaries of state, none of them is responsible for housing and there is no comprehensive strategy for (social) housing. Furthermore, some projects are not sustainable and all projects from the last 15 years should be assessed to see how sustainable they have been. Moreover, there is a problem with the traceability of funds and a need for more emphasis on the fight against corruption and better control of expenditure by the Commission and the Haitian authorities. Finally, there is insufficient coordination between humanitarian aid and development aid.

1. How has the Commission responded to the recommendations made by the CONT delegation?
2. Has the Commission urged the Haitian authorities to work out a comprehensive strategy for (social) housing? If not, why has this not been done?
3. Will the Commission make an assessment of the projects carried out in Haiti in the last 15 years?
4. What kind of actions will the Commission take to ensure better traceability and accountability of development funds?
5. Will the Commission link the budget support that it gives to the Haitian Government to their performance on these issues?
6. How will the Commission ensure better coordination between humanitarian aid and development aid?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201204/20120418ATT43235/20120418ATT43235EN.pdf>