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to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to palliative care

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has reported that only a small number of sick people (one person in 10) receive pain-relieving palliative care at the end of life. According to the WHO, around 20 million terminally ill patients need palliative care, 6% of them children.

Bearing in mind that the ageing population means that there is a growing need for palliative care, how will the Commission encourage the Member States to provide improved access to morphine for patients at the end of life?