

**Question for written answer E-006123/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Catastrophic flooding in Cyprus

Over the last few days Cyprus has suffered irreparable damage due to extreme weather events which are the consequence of climate change. The unprecedented storms, which broke over Cyprus on 4 December, wreaked wholesale devastation throughout the island. Almost the entire population has been affected, and it is estimated that the storms have caused several million euros' worth of damage. Households, farmers, small and medium-sized businesses, shopkeepers, municipalities and communities have all been affected.

It is impossible for a small nation like Cyprus to cope alone with destruction on this scale: the cost of doing so is incalculable and beyond its means.

Cyprus is now demanding EU support, as it is entitled to, because it is facing an unprecedented and unique natural disaster.

I therefore urgently appeal for direct support for my fellow Cypriots who find themselves in a difficult and indeed tragic predicament due to the flooding.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What immediate action will it take to cover the needs of the victims of the flooding in Cyprus?
2. Will it immediately mobilise the Solidarity Fund and the Climate Change Fund to support and assist Cyprus which has suffered catastrophic flooding?