

**Question for written answer E-006209/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen

The conflict in Yemen broke out in 2014 between the Shiite Houthis and the government of President Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi, and it has resulted in what is now the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world. Thousands of civilians have been killed over the four years of armed conflict, which has escalated to such a level in the past four months that 123 civilians are killed or wounded every week, according to the available information. Food prices have risen by 68 % since the conflict began, and the value of the Yemeni rial has fallen by 180 %. All of this has brought the country to the brink of famine, with up 75 % of the population dependant on humanitarian aid and 60 % not able to find food for their families. The humanitarian catastrophe is causing enormous suffering particularly for children, who are dying from hunger and infectious diseases, especially cholera.

In connection with the situation in Yemen, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. What steps has the European Union taken since the start of the armed conflict to resolve the situation?
2. How much money has the EU provided to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Yemen since it erupted?
3. On 4 December 2018, peace talks began in Sweden aimed at resolving the conflict in Yemen. Is the EU involved in those talks, and what steps is the EU taking to help bring about a solution in the talks?