

**Question for written answer E-003248/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Measles outbreak in Congo

Since January, 4 096 people have died as a result of measles in Congo — more than from Ebola.

Children under five years of age account for 74% of all cases and around 90% of all deaths.

There have been more than three times as many cases in the country this year than in 2018, and UNICEF has called this the world's largest measles epidemic.

In light of the above, does the Commission intend to take emergency measures in order to support affected populations by supplying vaccines as well as medicines to treat symptoms and improve the chances of survival for those already affected?