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Subject: Natural disasters

Recent extreme weather events in Greece, particularly in the regions of Thessalia and Crete, and on the islands of Kefalonia, Lefkada and Ithaki, caused not only loss of life but also landslides, flooding, damage to businesses, disruption to roads and power outages, as well as the loss of homes, infrastructure and, in particular, health infrastructure.

The root cause of this is the failure to respond to rampant climate change, which is spiralling into a crisis. Europe urgently needs to adopt new civil protection and climate change adaptation mechanisms.

In view of this:

1. Could the Commission provide assistance to the affected areas through the Solidarity Fund and rescEU?
2. Can Greece apply for assistance under the EU Solidary Fund to repair material damage in the affected areas and meet the urgent needs of the people affected?