

**Question for written answer E-005648/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU boosting emergency response measures

The EU plans to establish a new European humanitarian response capacity to enable it to intervene directly in humanitarian crises when traditional humanitarian aid delivery mechanisms through EU partners or the capacities thereof prove to be inefficient or insufficient. This is why the EU wants to step up its emergency response measures. It aims to address the root causes of crises, in close cooperation with development and peace-building organisations, and to promote long-term solutions to humanitarian emergencies.

1. What specific, immediate actions are planned and what form will the development of a new European response capacity for humanitarian aid take?
2. Is the Commission planning to conclude a formal agreement on humanitarian aid within the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement?
3. Is the Commission planning to set up an EU coordination mechanism in order to develop a coherent EU approach to international humanitarian law, monitor violations and advocate for ensuring respect for international humanitarian law, including by using the relevant political, development aid, trade and economic levers in the external action of the EU?