

**Question for written answer E-001980/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) programme budget

The Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA) recently announced a contribution to the UNRWA programme budget of EUR 82 million for 2023¹, as part of the multiannual contribution to the agency for the period 2022-2024. As part of the EU's general budget for the 2023 financial year, the budgetary authority agreed on an increase of EUR 70 million in commitment appropriations for the Southern Neighbourhood (budget line 14 02 01 10), intended to finance migration-related actions and the UNRWA².

- 1) Can the Commission provide the estimated amount of the additional support intended for the UNRWA and the expected date of its disbursement?
- 2) When making this complementary contribution, does it intend to prioritise support for the UNRWA's programme budget, in line with the EU's commitment under the EU-UNRWA Joint Declaration for the period 2021-2024³?
- 3) Can the Commission provide an annual list in table form of the total contributions from the various instruments under the EU budget and trust funds to the UNRWA for the 2019-2023 period?

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¹ [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/palestine-occupied-palestinian-territory-west-bank-and-gaza-strip/european-union-18_en#:~:text=PRINT-,The%20European%20Union%20contributes%20EUR%2082%20million%20to%20UNRWA%20in,commitment%20to%20support%20Palestine%20refugees&text=The%20European%20Union%20\(EU\)%20contributed,East%20\(UNRWA\)%20this%20week.](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/palestine-occupied-palestinian-territory-west-bank-and-gaza-strip/european-union-18_en#:~:text=PRINT-,The%20European%20Union%20contributes%20EUR%2082%20million%20to%20UNRWA%20in,commitment%20to%20support%20Palestine%20refugees&text=The%20European%20Union%20(EU)%20contributed,East%20(UNRWA)%20this%20week.)

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2022-0403_EN.html.

³ https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/joint-declaration-between-european-union-and-united-nations-relief-and-works-agency-palestine_en.