

**Question for written answer E-002092/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Commission support for Haiti in view of the deteriorating humanitarian situation

In recent decades, Haiti has faced a series of security challenges and a deteriorating humanitarian situation.

Haiti is the poorest country in Latin America: almost 77% of its citizens live on less than EUR 2 a day, and according to the UN, it is one of the least developed countries in the world. In addition to extreme poverty, Haiti faces increasing gang violence, which is disrupting the free flow of goods and raw materials, terrorising the local population and disrupting the education of thousands of children. As a result of the violence and the precarious humanitarian situation, the number of people forcibly displaced has reached 155 000.

1. In 2022, the Commission earmarked EUR 20.5 million in assistance for Haiti. Does the Commission intend to increase its humanitarian and development funding in view of the growing needs and other challenges facing Haiti?
2. In the light of the above, what non-financial measures has the Commission taken to support the civilian population in Haiti and does the Commission intend to step up its efforts to protect human rights in Haiti as part of the EU's public diplomacy?
3. How does the Commission intend to support the Dominican Republic, which is struggling to accommodate more than 500 000 Haitians, given that the Dominican Republic is a poor country which is also facing a number of internal problems?

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