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Subject: Catastrophic situation in Mayotte with regard to waste water and drinking water

It goes without saying that the European Union requires Member States to treat their waste water to protect both the environment and the health of Europeans, and that requirement also applies to the French overseas department of Mayotte.

Despite significant investment in sanitation on the island with a view to meeting the urgent needs of the population, the water treatment facilities are in a terrible state. For several months now the people of Mayotte have been experiencing interruptions in the supply of drinking water, which is now being rationed. This means that the department's 300 000 residents have limited access to drinking water. For some the supply is cut between 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. every day, for others it is cut for a 24-hour period three times a week. This is leading to public health problems and is damaging Mayotte's economy.

In this critical situation, what action can the Commission take, together with France, to restore Mayotte's waste-water treatment system?

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