

ORAL QUESTION H-0367/04  
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: European development aid policy and the prevention of natural disasters in Haïti

The devastation caused by Hurricane Jeanne was made worse by the vulnerable state of the country. The complete breakdown in law and order as a result of the delay by the United Nations in deploying peacekeeping forces does not justify the Commission's failure to propose new development aid projects.

The European Union cannot content itself with financing emergency measures, but must also implement programmes which are sustainable in the medium and long term. What structural development aid strategies does the Commission plan to implement with a view to reducing the impact of future natural disasters in Haïti?

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