

ORAL QUESTION H-0802/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Robert Evans  
to the Commission

Subject: Humanitarian aid in Sri Lanka

I congratulate Commissioner Michel for his statement of 15 September 2008 regarding the respect of international humanitarian law in Sri Lanka.

I am sure the Commission is, as I am, extremely worried about the escalation of violence in Sri Lanka and the effect this is having on innocent civilians. In particular, how has the Commission responded to the Sri Lankan government's recent decision that all UN and international aid organisations and relief efforts are to withdraw from the conflict area?

In light of this, what further pressure will the Commission put on both the Sri Lankan government and the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) to ensure that international humanitarian law is respected, aid reaches the most vulnerable and a peaceful solution to the conflict is reached as soon as possible?

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