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Subject: EU intervention following the severe environmental disaster caused by Cyclone Harry in southern Italy

Following the extreme natural disaster that struck southern Italy, with a particularly severe impact on Sicily, Sardinia and Calabria, as well as Malta, extensive damage has been recorded to infrastructure, buildings, economic activities and the environment. The situation of the citizens of Niscemi is emblematic of the serious social and material emergency affecting local communities.

The increasing frequency of extreme events linked to climate change makes such phenomena more recurrent and requires rapid and coordinated responses at EU level, both in emergency management and in reconstruction and territorial safety.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission intend to urgently activate the European Union Solidarity Fund and can it share what additional extraordinary resources could be mobilised?

2. Can the Commission share whether rapid reprogramming of cohesion policy funds can be allowed for reconstruction measures and hydrogeological risk prevention?

3. Can the Commission share what initiatives it intends to promote to strengthen the resilience of the affected territories, protect local communities and ensure environmental safety, with a particular focus on rehabilitation and hydrogeological defence works, and how it will ensure, in the context of the emergency, that resources are not used for projects lacking real environmental value or those of a purely speculative nature?

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