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Subject: Humanitarian situation of Sahrawi refugees, inadequate EU humanitarian assistance and the growing water crisis in the refugee camps

For nearly five decades, around 170 000 Sahrawi refugees in the Tindouf camps have relied entirely on humanitarian assistance while facing worsening food insecurity, inadequate access to essential services and a growing water crisis. Despite increasing humanitarian needs, the Commission's funding has remained largely unchanged since 2016, and significant funding gaps continue to prevent humanitarian organisations from meeting basic needs. In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess the current humanitarian situation in the Sahrawi refugee camps, and does it intend to strengthen EU humanitarian assistance, including funding for food security, nutrition, healthcare and sustainable access to safe drinking water infrastructure, in order to address the growing needs of, and ensure adequate support for, the refugee population?

2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the protracted humanitarian crisis affecting the Sahrawi refugees receives adequate and sustained attention within the EU's humanitarian response and international donor coordination efforts?

3. Does the Commission intend to renew the agreement between its Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations and the World Food Programme to ensure the continuation of essential food assistance for Sahrawi refugees?

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