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Subject: Activating EU funds and support instruments for Sicily, Sardinia and Calabria in the wake of Cyclone Harry

Cyclone Harry has hit Sicily, Sardinia and Calabria hard: in addition to causing extensive damage to infrastructure and the economy and severely disrupting essential services and mobility, it has also triggered a landslide in Niscemi, leaving many locals homeless.

National, regional and European authorities must act in a quick, coordinated and effective manner to help the affected communities through this critical situation.

In the light of the above, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Have the conditions for requesting the activation of the Solidarity Fund and other EU financial instruments with a view to financing emergency and reconstruction operations been met, and will the Commission push for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to be triggered?

2. Does the Commission agree that it should propose extending the scope of the Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction (RESTORE) Regulation – which provides additional assistance for Member States affected by natural disasters – to cover 2026?

3. What further measures will the Commission take, including in coordination with the Italian authorities, to repair essential infrastructure, make it disaster-resistant and bolster the affected areas' resilience to extreme weather events in the medium and long term?

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