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Subject: Increase of funds under the EU budgetary framework for the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

Europe and the world have been witnessing a decade of crisis: the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, deadly floods, historic wildfires and most recently the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. Though these events are very different, they have all had devastating consequences for both people and the environment. In these situations, rapid and targeted aid to the affected areas and victims is the most effective way to save lives and mitigate the consequences. The European Civil Protection Mechanism and Member State solidarity are crucial tools for the EU to respond to such events.

The EU budget must therefore support the EU Civil Protection Mechanism through sufficient financial resources, as the mechanism is crucial for limiting the tragic consequences of natural and other disasters. However, humanitarian needs unfortunately significantly outweigh the available resources. Therefore, when reviewing the multiannual financial framework (MFF), the EU must increase funds for the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. This is not just a necessity but a priority. This is about fulfilling the primary European commitment to solidarity as our duty and also as one of our fundamental common values.

During the MFF review process does the Commission intend to increase funds for the European Civil Protection Mechanism? By how much?

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