Question for written answer E-014495/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Louis Michel (ALDE)

Subject: Post Ebola

The Ebola crisis made clear to the whole world the dangers of not having robust health systems and the capacity for adaptation and resilience.

Even if there was an overall drop in the number of cases in the three countries concerned, there is the danger of the epidemic returning as long as the 'zero case' objective has not been achieved.

There is no guarantee of a 'post-Ebola' for Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea, whose economies are already weak as a result of extreme poverty and the lack of domestic revenue, which is vital if there are to be adequate social services and the implementation of health objectives.

Setting up sustainable infrastructure, strengthening prevention, screening and early-warning systems, health education and research, and the introduction of universal health coverage in particular, are the major challenges which must be urgently addressed.

- 1. What specific action has the Commission taken to support countries affected by the crisis as they tackle economic and social reconstruction?
- 2. What is the Commission doing to encourage and support governments in terms of setting up universal health coverage in developing countries?

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