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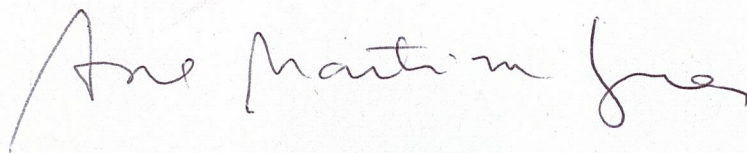
TEXT:

The response of the EU and the EU member states to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa since the beginning of the crisis seems too slow, too little and uncoordinated.

I would therefore appreciate if you would provide me with answers to the following questions:

- Why was not the Crisis management cell of the EEAS or/and the DG ECHO called to deal with this crisis and, instead, relied on DG DEVE, which is not meant to provide emergency action?
- Did the EU mobilize to help transport medical devices and supplies? Were planes with isolation units, needed for medical evacuations, used? Was a humanitarian air corridor created?
- Is there an EU strategy to activate the coordination of the Member States in an emergency case, perhaps in the framework of the EU CBRN Action Plan? Have the staff at European airports and other points of contact received instructions coordinated at EU level for procedures to follow, in case of suspicion of an Ebola contamination?

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