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European Development Fund (EDF) implications for Sudan further to its failure to ratify the Cotonou Agreement

Given that the Khartoum Government has failed to sign the Cotonou Agreement for the period 2008-13, with the result that Sudan has not received the 10th EDF, amounting to EUR 300 million, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does the EC have any alternative plan to continue helping to provide essential services for the Sudanese population and civil society?
2. Can the EC confirm that Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) thematic funding can still be accessed in coming years and, if so, under what conditions?
3. According to the Stability Instrument regulation, Sudan is an eligible country for support under this instrument; this was confirmed by the Commission at an EP Committee on Development meeting on 9 November. What types of measures does the Commission envisage supporting through this instrument to compensate for cuts in programmes that are vital for the implementation of the fragile Comprehensive Peace Agreement?
4. Given that there are still outstanding funds from the 9th EDF, can the Commission redirect some of these to support Sudan through non-governmental channels?

Answer:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2009-6327&language=EN>