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Evaluation of the Action Plan 2008-2013 of the Humanitarian Consensus

Political demands for the European Parliament

Following on from research conducted by 8 member organisations of Caritas Europa in 2011 and published in the report; Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice: The European Consensus on Humanitarian and the Humanitarian Principles, we wish to raise the following points for consideration by the MEP Striffler Rapporteur on Humanitarian Affairs at the European Parliament.

We would like the Parliament to present a written Parliamentary Question for the European Commission at a time where the next action plan 2013-2018 will be drafted. This question could include a first part on more clarity on the process:

1. The urgency of the drafting of the next action plan 2013-2018
2. More clarity on the evaluation process of the current action plan and the drafting of the next action plan
3. And a second part more related to what the action plan should include:
4. A set of public consultations at bot EU and national levels, allowing the involvement of national Parliaments, civil society and humanitarian NGOs.
5. A more regular monitoring of progress in implementation of the Action plan by national Parliaments.
6. An improved methodology for an effective Division of Labour like a protocol/guideline to proceed in different multi-donor scenarios.
7. A capacity assessment may also contribute to the identification of volunteer facilitators and teams of EU Member State representatives who will commit to pursuing joint action under the Consensus Action Plan.
8. A peer review mechanism to enhance the performance of the Division of Labour where national Parliaments may be consulted.
9. More communication materials to be produced to enhance public awareness of the EU Consensus and its Action Plan, this may include a Public Hearing in 2013 at the European Parliament on the evaluation of the EU Consensus and its Action Plan by Member States and the European Commission

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