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Political strategies to face the consequences of natural disasters

Motion for a resolution

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

In recent years our planet is being beset by climate change and natural disasters. Europe, and at large the world, are deploying increasing efforts to fight this. Prevention and mitigation strategies are more elaborate, and all States' agendas include efforts to attain Sustainable Development Goal number 13. Despite all this, disasters continue: floods in Germany, earthquakes in Italy and Greece, the recent eruption of the volcano in La Palma have left images that have circulated around and moved the whole world.

However, despite all this, there is seldom a follow-up to how the governments have faced the consequences of natural disasters: material or human losses, resources, and how those affected have survived, feeling, in some cases, abandoned by institutions.

Therefore, we deem it necessary to study, from a comparative and European perspective, the responses provided by States to the natural disasters they have suffered and whether these have continued over time and, ultimately, how affected persons have continued with their lives. To that end, the aim is to draft a set of general guidelines, assessing the efficiency of these responses, to be used as a guide and to be implemented by all States.

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