

*Tuesday, 27 September 2011 - Strasbourg*

*Explanation of vote:*

Report: Elisabetta Gardini ( [A7-0283/2011](#) )

*Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing* . – I voted for this Resolution because it underlines the vital need to reinforce the coordination of the response to disasters affecting the European Union, both within and outside its borders. Unfortunately in the past years there has been a dramatic increase in the number and severity of these natural and man-made disasters affecting the Union and its citizens, as well as other countries and regions around the world.

This text highlights the need to rationalise and simplify the functioning of current European disaster response and reassert that disaster preparation, prevention and response cannot be dissociated from each other. I also would like to stress that preventing disasters is often more cost-effective than combating them. For this reason it's fundamental to complement the policy for enhancing the EU's emergency reaction capacity by stepping up the EU's and Member States' risk prediction and prevention policies. In order to do so the Commission should prepare a comprehensive and innovative EU strategy on disaster risk reduction.

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