# EC/developing countries: rehabilitation and reconstruction operations in developing countries

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Commissioner PINHEIRO was pleased to see that Parliament and the Commission had similar views on the strategy for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of developing countries and southern Africa. It was particularly important to ensure continuity of aid (emergency aid, aid for rehabilitation, cooperation). In addition, payments should be made as quickly as possible and the social partners should be involved in the reconstruction programmes. He noted, however, that the contributions of the local partners need not necessarily be financial contributions since if this type of commitment was required, the projects could fail before they got off the ground.