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to the Commission

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Subject: Urgent need for a web platform to track missing persons in crisis situations

In the light of the devastating impact of the recent floods in Valencia, which resulted in significant loss of life and widespread destruction, it has become evident that the Spanish Government's management of the crisis was highly inadequate. A major issue during the emergency response was the lack of reliable data on missing persons, which significantly hindered rescue efforts.

A critical step in improving disaster response would be to develop an EU-wide web platform that would allow families of missing persons to provide key information, such as mobile phone numbers, in real time. This platform would not store personal data but rather generate a map pinpointing the last known locations of missing persons based on the network coverage of their mobile devices. Such a tool would be instrumental in providing rescuers with crucial insights and enhancing the efficiency of emergency operations, without compromising personal privacy. Importantly, this platform would be available for use in all EU Member States, ensuring a coordinated and unified response.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission acknowledge the urgent need for a platform to enhance search and rescue operations during crises?
2. What immediate steps will be taken to develop and deploy such a tool at EU level?
3. Will specific EU funding be allocated to support Member States in implementing this critical technology?

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