



The ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly stands in solidarity with the Kingdom of Tonga

Following the volcano eruption that caused a Tsunami and hit the Kingdom of Tonga, the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) Carlos Zorrinho and Peter Kenilorea Jr express their solidarity with the people and the government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

“Our thoughts are with the victims, all affected and the first responders who are working hard to save lives under extremely challenging conditions. We express our sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones. We stand by the people and authorities of Tonga and are offering our full support and call for continued international support and solidarity as well as humanitarian assistance. They welcome the mobilisation of the civil protection mechanism and other measures taken by the European Union (EU).”

The Co-Presidents note that the EU has already activated its emergency Copernicus satellite-mapping service to assist the local authorities and, on 18 January, the EU Union Civil Protection Mechanism was mobilized for managing the volcano eruption and tsunami consequences.

They further align their statement with the call by the OACPS for the international community to secure the smooth and prompt delivery of humanitarian relief supplies that will assist in response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of such a catastrophic event.