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Dear Mr. Sarup,

Please accept our appreciation of having got an opportunity to present the cause of Reconstruction of Kobanê. We are also very thankful to Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Møller, for facilitating our presence.

Herein we will just summarize the issues presented yesterday. After liberation of Kobanê, we were confronted with a totally destructed town full of land mines left behind by ISIS. Upon renewed access to Kobanê, nearly half of the refugees who had fled their homes, counting more than 100 thousands people, returned to the city. However, these people were met with lack of infrastructure as to water supply, electricity, and much more causing another travel back to Turkey. Unfortunately, 46 civilians lost their lives due to land mines mentioned above.

Now, the administration and Reconstruction Board of Kobanê have established 6 different committees to prepare and plan the future rebuilding and demining of Kobanê. This board went on to remove land mines using own, primitive resources which come to short regards to handling the vast number of mines. Also, this Board is working building of a hospital, a school and major bakery. Even these processes are hindered due to lack of supplies, which Turkey is not allowing the use of the border to and regards all activity across as illegal.

In Europe, representatives of the Reconstruction Board are in close contact with international institutions including EU (ECHO, Syrian Desk, Turkey Desk, Crisis Desk, Humanitarian, and Non-humanitarian Desk), and other international NGO's. These organizations have made decisions and promised to delivery humanitarian aid but these have not been implemented yet while assessing way to come around this. The best solution to bring this aid is to work through local authorities and NGO's.

As mentioned during our meeting, we kindly ask you to make use of your opportunities to influence on your government and EU to handle as soon as possible and work with local partners. Only this way, we can help the 200 thousands of refugees and rebuild Kobanê. Of course, we will further inform you in the near future as to the details of our reconstruction work.

For you information, the latest Kobanê Damage Report is available online following the link below:

<http://helpkobane.com/2015/04/07/kobane-canton-damage-report-april-2015/>

Yours sincerely,  
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