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Reasoned opinion as regards the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived - COM (2012) 617

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Dear M. Barroso

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On 24 October 2012 the European Commission presented a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived – COM(2012)130. The proposal introduces a new fund to fight poverty, food deprivation and homelessness among the most deprived persons in the Union.

The Social Affairs Committee has examined the proposal at its meetings on 29 November and 6 December 2012 at the request of the European Affairs Committee. On that basis the Social Affairs Committee sent a draft reasoned opinion to the European Affairs Committee on 13 December 2012. At its meeting on 14 December 2012 the European Affairs Committee approved the opinion of the Social Affairs Committee.

On that basis the Danish Parliament is of the opinion that the proposal does not comply with the subsidiarity principle.

The Danish Parliament finds that the fight against poverty and social exclusion is a very important social task, which each Member State should handle within the framework of the welfare arrangements adopted by that state. In that regard the Danish Parliament finds that the fight against poverty and social exclusion can be better achieved by the Member States, either at central level or at regional and local level as part of the social actions of the Member States. The Danish Parliament does not find that the task can be better achieved at Union level.

Finally the Danish Parliament notes that the Commission's proposal does not contain a sufficient justification for its compliance with the subsidiarity principle. In that respect it is merely stated in recital 42 of the proposal that the objective of the regulation, namely to improve social cohesion in the Union

and contribute to the fight against poverty and social exclusion, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States but can be better achieved at Union level. Such a justification does not fulfil the requirement in Article 5 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality of “a detailed statement making it possible to appraise compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality”.

Kind regards,

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