



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion regarding the Commission proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing further macro-financial assistance to Jordan {COM(2016) 431 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support expressed by the Senato della Repubblica for the Commission proposal and is pleased to inform the Senato della Repubblica that the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission have recently agreed on the text of this proposal in a Trilogue on 27 October 2016. Following the approval of this agreement by COREPER of 4 November 2016, the next step is for the European Parliament to vote on it followed by the approval of the Council. The Presidents of the European Parliament and the Council are expected to adopt the decision during the plenary session of the European Parliament from 12 to 15 December 2016.

The Commission agrees with the Senato della Repubblica that this macro-financial assistance of EUR 200 million will be an important contribution of the EU to alleviate the current balance-of-payment problems of Jordan, which has significantly been affected by the regional conflict and the influx of more than one million Syrian refugees. As pointed out by the Senato della Repubblica, this macro-financial assistance will be conditional on the continuous fulfilment of the political pre-conditions and on a satisfactory track-record of implementing the economic and financial policy conditions attached to this assistance.

The Commission will, in accordance with the decision of the European Parliament and the Council, inform the co-legislators on all developments regarding the implementation of the assistance.

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The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senato della Repubblica in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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