

Letter to: President Barroso

From: Laurent Mosar, President of the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies

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Subject: **COM(2013)327**: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC, a legislative proposal from the European Commission (COM(2013) 327 final), under the arrangements for monitoring compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality

- Political opinion of the Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

I hereby send you a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at its public sitting of 2 July 2013.

By adopting this resolution, the Chamber of Deputies has endorsed the view taken by the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development responsible for adopting a position on the Proposal for a Regulation cited above.

[Complimentary close]

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
GRAND-DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

RESOLUTION

The Chamber of Deputies

- having regard to Article 169(7) of the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies;
- recalling that a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC, a legislative proposal from the European Commission (COM(2013) 327 final), under the arrangements for monitoring compliance with the principles of subsidiarity was referred to the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development;
- noting that, at its meeting of 27 June 2013 the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development decided unanimously to adopt a political opinion on the abovementioned legislative initiative;

has decided to adopt the political opinion of the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development, which reads as follows:

The Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development has examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC.

Article 6 of the abovementioned Proposal for a Regulation sets the level of the maximum rates and the minimum amount of financial assistance granted to the Member States, the latter figure being EUR 50 000.

However, in the light of the limited scope of certain programmes and measures at national level, a large number of programmes do not reach that amount, and therefore

Luxembourg (and many other small Member States) are excluded from most of the Community contributions covered.

Accordingly, the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development requests, in the interests of the equal treatment of Member States, that that minimum amount be deleted or, in the alternative, substantially reduced. Such an amendment would enable Luxembourg, as well as other small Member States, to benefit on an equal footing from all the financial contributions provided for. This request is particularly justified by the fact that some of those programmes and measures are imposed by Community legislation.

Resolution adopted by the Chamber of Deputies
at its public sitting of 2 July 2013

Secretary-General

Claude Frieseisen

President

Laurent Mosar