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Subject: Expo 2015 Trade Fair

Investigations in recent months leading to the arrest of numerous business operators tendering for Expo 2015 contracts have brought to light unmistakeable levels of corruption and Mafia involvement in preparations for the trade fair.

The fifth report of the Milan Anti-Mafia Committee published in August has also revealed the presence of the Ndrangheta, lending substance to fears expressed in recent years that the clans will continue to affirm their presence, riding roughshod over the anti-Mafia provisions contained in the relevant protocols.

In view of this:

- 1. What action will the Commission take to assist Italy in dealing with the serious problem of corruption in connection with the Expo 2015 trade fair?
- 2. Does the Commission not consider that all countries taking part in the trade fair should be urged to comply with the Protocol of Legality signed in 2012 by Expo 2015 S.p.A. and the Prefecture of Milan, providing for measures to achieve more stringent anti-Mafia checks?
- 3. Given that a number of contracts have yet to be awarded, does it not consider that tighter supervision should be achieved through collaboration with the national anti-corruption authority (A.N.A.C)?

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