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to the Commission**

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Subject: UEFA tax exemption for Euro 2016

UEFA will be exempt from paying taxes on the Euro 2016 football championship. Under an agreement reached when France bid to host the championship in 2010, the various bodies responsible for organising the competition will be exempt from paying direct and similar taxes (corporation tax, payroll tax, etc.), apart from turnover tax under VAT arrangements.

Tax exemptions for high-profile competitions are certainly not new, but what the EU needs above all today, given the severity of the economic crisis it is going through, is investment to stimulate growth. Taxes are the main instrument for promoting investment.

Is the Commission sure that such tax breaks are not contrary to the public interest?