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to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial aid subject to conditions

The EU Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs Pierre Moscovici has just rubber-stamped a € 500 million aid payment to Ukraine. He said: 'Europe is delivering on its commitment of solidarity to Ukraine. (...) In turn, it is vital the country maintain the momentum of reform so as to create the conditions for sustainable prosperity for all Ukrainians.'

The timing of the payment, however, coincided with the announcement of a new Ukrainian Government which includes a number of foreign nationals who were hastily granted citizenship. These individuals were chosen for quite specific reasons.

Natalia Jaresko, an American national who had previously worked for the US State Department, was appointed finance minister in a move which sends out a clear anti-Russian message; Aivaras Abromavicius, the Lithuanian former head of the Kiev branch of the East Capital investment fund, was appointed economy minister; and Alexander Kvitashvili, former Georgian minister of health and labour, was appointed health minister. With these openly anti-Russian appointments Ukraine has given up all semblance of sovereignty by accepting on the nod the candidates favoured by NATO and the EU.

Was this loan paid out to reward Ukraine for following the Commission's instructions?