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to the Commission**

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Subject: OLT (Offshore LNG Toscana S.p.A.) Regasification Unit

The Italian Ministry for Economic Development has decided, through a decree issued on 3 September 2014, to finance the OLT regasification unit, considering it a project of strategic interest. The decree, filed with the competent regulatory authorities and the Commission, lays down the request, submitted by OLT, to waive the exemption stipulated in Article 36 of Directive 2009/73/EC. The authorities, through Ruling 272/2013/R/gas, have already established a safeguard for companies, like OLT, who waive the exemption laid down in the aforementioned directive.

In the document SG-Greffe(2009) D/11105, the Commission had already expressed doubts concerning the financial sustainability of the project and had then opened a formal investigation (OJ C 278, 15.10.2010), pursuant to Article 108 of the TFEU, into the safeguard established by Ruling No 178/05 issued by the authorities for companies requesting the exemption.

In light of this, could the Commission tell us:

1. How does it intend to act with regard to the request to waive the exemption?
2. Does it intend to open a formal investigation into the new regulatory provisions laid down by the Italian Ministry for Economic Development and the authorities?