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to the Commission**

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Subject: Retroactive reduction of renewable energy incentive payments

The Spanish government has undermined legal security by eliminating the system of incentive payments for renewable energy generation and retroactively imposing a new, more restrictive payment regime.

Retroactive measures breach a principle – that of legal security – that is fundamental for the economy and the rule of law to operate properly. Furthermore, this change in the payment system has dealt a heavy blow to thousands of retail investors who trusted in the system applied by the previous government and now find themselves in a situation of economic asphyxiation.

Does the Commission consider that the retroactive effects of this change of the law in Spain are compatible with the principle of the rule of law, enshrined in Article 2 of the TEU?

What impact does the Commission calculate this measure will have on the possibilities of Spain achieving the target of 20% renewable sources in its energy mix by 2020?