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to the Commission**

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Subject: Lavish spending of EU administration

In the midst of the Brexit campaign, the British press revealed that EU officials spend tens of millions of euros every year on exotic travel, luxury hotels and extravagant meals.

This scandalous information, which has since been acknowledged on the Commission's own website, contributed to the victory of the Brexit campaign.

If the Commission is determined, as its President has confirmed, never to see an incident such as Brexit happen again, what measures will it take to curtail the lavish spending of its officials?

This spending is all the more unacceptable given that more than 30 million people in the EU are currently unemployed and more than 80 million are living below the poverty line.