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to the Commission**

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Subject: Using EUR 200 and 500 banknotes

We have seen that in some Member States, for instance Belgium, it is not possible to pay for goods and services in all places with EUR 200 and 500 banknotes. This is not only the case with small traders, but also with some large retail chains.

Is the Commission familiar with this practice, and what will it do to combat the discriminatory behaviour of traders who do not accept the legal means of payment in the EU, namely the EU's official currency – the euro?