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to the Commission**
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Subject: European fund for sustainable development

In June 2016, the Commission decided to propose a 'foreign investment plan' that would follow the model of the Juncker plan, under which the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) was established.

The Commission proposed that a European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) be set up to encourage investment in the private sector in Africa and EU neighbourhood countries, with the aim of bringing more stability to some states and thereby tackling the underlying causes of migration.

On 25 April 2017, members of Parliament's Committees on Foreign Affairs, Budget and Development adopted their position on the Commission's proposal. In an effort to stimulate their growth and employment, Parliament wants to see the fund benefit the poorest countries first of all. The MEPs also stress the importance of giving priority to small and medium-sized enterprises, which find it harder to develop.

In view of the coming trialogue negotiations, what is the Commission's view on Parliament's position?