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to the Commission**

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Subject: Decision-making procedure concerning the relocation of the European Medicines Agency

On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom notified the European Council of its intention to leave the European Union.

On 20 November 2017, at the General Affairs Council (Article 50), the ministers of the EU-27 selected the new headquarters of the two agencies located in the United Kingdom: the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the European Banking Authority (EBA).

The selection procedure used for the relocation of the two agencies, proposed by the Presidents of the Commission and the European Council and approved on 22 June 2017 by the heads of state of the EU-27, provided that, in case of a tie after the third voting round, the Presidency would decide by drawing lots between the tied offers.

Amsterdam, one of the two finalists together with Milan, was selected as the city in which the EMA would be relocated.

Can the Commission say whether:

- 1) it does not agree that having provided for and adopted a final decision by drawing lots has undermined the credibility of the selection methods used, giving less prominence to objective and substantive aspects;
- 2) it would not be appropriate to remove such methods, or similar ones, from the selection criteria for all such important future decisions which could have an impact on public health?