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to the Commission**

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Subject: Transparency in EMA applications

On 29 January 2018, Guido Rasi, Executive Director of the EMA, admitted at a press conference with the Dutch authorities that the construction of the new EMA building will be delayed.

Following this announcement, the Italian Government and the Local Authority of Milan decided to bring the matter before the Court of Justice of the European Union. The file submitted for the application contained classified documents with the endorsement of the Secretary-General of the European Commission, who is a Dutch national.

There were also some shortcomings in the Commission's checks on the timing and adequacy of the structures. On 5 February, the Commission's spokesperson stated that secrecy had been requested by the Netherlands (and France in the case of the EBA) and gone uncontested by other countries.

Can the Commission say:

- in the light of these delays and the subsequent doubts cast on the procedure, whether all the information gathered in the applications can be made transparent, so as to clarify the procedure and ensure maximum transparency;
- whether it believes that the possibility of confidentiality for applicants undermined the proper assessment of the proposals and that, in the case of the EMA, the provisional structures and timing of the works could not be fully evaluated, both of which are integral parts of the application;
- whether it intends to shed light on the stages of the procedure?