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to the Commission**

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Subject: High-speed train

The Italian Government has unilaterally tasked a committee with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Turin-Lyon high-speed railway line (Mediterranean corridor) by means of a cost-benefit analysis. The line forms part of the trans-European network and has already undergone impact assessments by European and national institutions, following which an agreement was approved and work began. The European Commission has funded 40% of the international route.

By calling an agreement into question, all interested parties must be involved in the new review and their agreement must be obtained through their appropriate involvement as partners in the construction (France) and sponsors and donors (the European Commission).

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1) Does it consider that establishing a review committee such as this is legitimate?
- 2) Has it been involved in this review? If not, does it intend to request that one of its experts be involved to represent it in the review?
- 3) What initiatives has it taken, or does it intend to take, to ensure general European interests are respected during the implementation of the project?