

**Question for written answer P-004995/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Conditionality of macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Moldova

In May 2017, Parliament and the Council reached an agreement to provide macro-financial assistance to Moldova. As outlined in the Joint Statement adopted by Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the assistance will be granted subject to strict conditionality criteria, including respect for effective democratic mechanisms, namely a multi-party parliamentary system and the rule of law, and the Moldovan authorities giving due consideration to the recommendations of the Venice Commission concerning initiatives relating to changes in the electoral system.

1. What benchmarks will the Commission use to ensure that all the conditionality clauses are adhered to throughout the lifecycle of the macro-financial assistance?
2. How will it assess whether the Moldovan authorities give due 'consideration' to the Venice Commission's recommendations?
3. The Venice Commission affirmed that in view of a lack of consensus, a fundamental change to shift from a proportional to a mixed electoral system would not be advisable at the present time. If this change is waved through by the Moldovan authorities, would it violate the conditionality criteria and lead to the suspension or cancellation of the disbursement of the Union's macro-financial assistance?