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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Petition No 0798/2018 by Matias Eduardo Diaz Crescitelli (Italian) on a request to reopen three closed maternity hospitals in the Emilia Romagna region, Italy

1. Summary of petition

The petitioner denounces the decision of the Emilia Romagna Government to close down three maternity hospitals, due to the reorganisation of regional health services. The petitioner states that such maternity centres were located in Borgo Val di Taro, Castelnuovo Ne'Monti and Pavullo nel Frignano. The petitioner asks for the support of the European Parliament to remedy this regrettable decision

Information

- The petition was removed from List 3 upon request of MEPs E. Evi and A. Miranda.

2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 20 February 2019. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

3. Commission reply, received on 6 May 2019

The matter concerns the organisational structure of the administrative system of a Member State, where the Union is not empowered to act.

The issues raised by the petitioner are the responsibility of Member States. According to

Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU¹, the “Union action shall respect the responsibilities of the Member States for the definition of their health policy and for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care. The responsibilities of the Member States shall include the management of health services and medical care and the allocation of the resources assigned to them”.

Conclusion

The issue raised by the petitioner falls within an area of responsibility of Member States in line with Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU. The Commission is therefore not in a position to intervene on behalf of the petitioner.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A12008E168>