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to the Commission**

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Subject: Local government reorganisation in Romania

The Romanian President has recently called on the national government to embark on a process of local government reorganisation.

In view of the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), and of Commission communication COM(2007)0087, and recalling that a proposal for the administrative reorganisation of Romania, adopted at internal level, would have to be submitted for analysis to Eurostat at least two years before its scheduled date of implementation, can the Commission state:

1. whether it has been informed by the Romanian government of its intention to embark on a reorganisation of local government such that the new authorities would be in place by 2012, and, if so, what stage the bilateral discussions on the matter have reached;
2. whether it has received information from the Romanian government on the results of any impact and feasibility studies on the impact of a possible local government reorganisation affecting the country within so brief a time-frame and without prior public consultations;
3. whether a local government reform carried out by the Romanian authorities, to take effect by the end of the present programming period, would have direct consequences for the funding capacities of projects already contracted but not yet paid for, and what its position is on the matter?