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to the Commission**

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Subject: The twelve priorities of the Single Market Act and further action to be taken

As stated in the Commission communication regarding actions to stimulate and strengthen confidence in the single market, transport, energy and electronic communications networks form the backbone of the single market, since they promote the free and rapid movement of persons, goods, energy, etc.

However, the restructuring of energy systems and infrastructure, as well as the orientation towards renewable energy sources are extremely costly, especially at this time of global economic crisis and austerity.

In Cyprus, for example, a small island, such infrastructure is scarce or non-existent, while the scope for restructuring is very limited. In particular, the explosion at Mari naval base (11 July 2011) destroyed part of the largest electric power station in Cyprus, leaving the island with few electricity reserves, and restoring the power station is very expensive and time-consuming. Any attempt to undertake restructuring on the island is therefore on hold.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What happens in such cases?
2. What does the Commission, in particular, intend do in the case of small States like Cyprus, which lack the infrastructure and expertise to restructure their energy and transport networks, measures which would enable them to develop integrated high-performance networks compatible with existing networks in countries that are already highly developed?