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to the Commission**

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Subject: Modifications to the provisions of the Stability Pact

The President of the Eurogroup, Jeroen Dijsselboem, is calling for modifications to be made to the provisions of the Stability Pact. He feels that countries undergoing budgetary procedures which want more time to correct their deficit will have to agree to carry out specific reforms within a specific period. This would resemble the mechanisms to which Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Cyprus have been subjected in recent years.

What is the Commission's view on this sort of proposal?

Does the Commission support attaching more rigorous conditions to budgetary procedures by requiring countries to institute internal reforms aimed at reducing deficits?

Will this mechanism apply only to Eurogroup Member States?

Will the mechanism also apply to states that are party to the Stability Pact beyond the Eurogroup?