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Subject: Assessment of the financial aid given to Bosnia and Herzegovina by the European Union

As demonstrated by the government buildings being set alight in Sarajevo on 9 February of this year, the amount of protesting in Bosnia and Herzegovina against the poverty and corruption crippling the nation has increased since the beginning of February 2014.

On Monday, 10 February 2014, in the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, several committee members from the Delegation for Relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina expressed their grave concern over these events that have now reached the main cities of the country, Mostar and Tuzla, and are undermining the uneasy national unity.

With an unemployment rate of 44% of the active population and one in five citizens living in poverty, the current economic situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina looks catastrophic.

Bosnia and Herzegovina was retained as a potential candidates for European Union accession at the European Summit in Thessaloniki in June 2003.

Since then, several agreements between the Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina have entered into force, such as the agreement aiming to facilitate the issuance of visas and the readmission agreement in 2008.

Furthermore, the European Union allocated this nation €108.84 million in funds in 2013.

How can the Commission guarantee the effective use of European funds in view of the recent events and suspicions of corruption?