Question for written answer E-014810/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Mario Borghezio (ENF)

Subject: Extension of the end-of-work deadline following the 2012 earthquake in Emilia-Romagna,

Veneto and Lombardy

Following the earthquake of 2012 in Emilia Romagna, Veneto and Lombardy, the EU drew up two dedicated 'state aid' schemes (C (2012) 9853 - C (2012) 9471).

The deadline for completion of the reconstruction work (December 2016), however, has turned out to be impracticable, given the type of earthquake, the 'industrial' damage it caused, the exceptional nature of the earthquake in the absence of a national framework law and the relevant bureaucratic difficulties which have arisen.

For the above reasons, to date, less than 50% of the reconstruction work needed has taken place.

Does the Commission not therefore consider it appropriate to provide for an extension of the end-of-work deadline for reconstruction, in consultation with the regions concerned, in order to allow full access to the support measures available, which are vital for putting an end to the emergency situation for the social and industrial fabric of those areas?

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