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Petition Summary

The petitioner complains that efforts to tackle financial scams carried out through bank transfers and credit cards continue to be ineffective, as evidenced by the statistics published in Polizia Moderna magazine, which indicate that, though 60 185 cybercrimes and 14 646 financial scams were reported in 2024, they only resulted in 870 and 24 arrests respectively. The petitioner blames the fact that banks do not automatically perform prior checks if the actual recipient of the transaction is authorised to offer financial services in the client's country. The petitioner adds that no checks are performed to determine the identity of the intermediaries and platforms involved or whether they are legitimate businesses. The petitioner calls for the introduction of a law making it mandatory for European banks to include certain information on transfer forms, such as the identity of the beneficial owner and the website of the platform or target company involved. European banks should also be obliged to systematically check the information they are provided and cross-reference it not only with the white and black lists of the Bank of Italy's Risk Centre, but also with those kept by CONSOB and ESMA. The petitioner also advocates automatically blocking transfers to unauthorised parties and platforms and integrating Italy's and Europe's official registers. The petitioner also proposes establishing a bank-financed Solidarity Fund to compensate the victims of financial scams. The petitioner considers tackling online financial scams to be vital – particularly as regards preventing transfers being sent to fake or unauthorised platforms – and also calls for improved protective measures for citizens, who are all too often either left to fend for themselves or not compensated.

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