

The President

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Mr Jean-Claude Juncker President European Commission 200, Rue de la Loi B-1049 Brussels

Dear President,

I am writing to you in reply to the letter of Vice-President Katainen of 14 July 2016 concerning a possible suspension of the EU funds for Spain and Portugal in response to a recommendation issued in the context of the Excessive Deficit Procedure.

By the means of this letter, on the basis of Article 23(15) of the EU Regulation 1303/2013, I invite the Commission to a structured dialogue on the application of this article which would take place at the earliest possible opportunity after the summer recess.

The suggested timeline would allow both institutions to engage properly in a structured dialogue, as stipulated in the Regulation, before a proposal for suspension of funds is adopted by the College.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Schulz

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