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Subject: **HT.100593 – Consultation on the proposed prolongation of the Middle East crisis Temporary State aid Framework (METSAF) and invitation to the Multilateral meeting**

Dear Madam, Sir,

As already announced in the last European Council meeting, the Commission intends to prolong the Middle East crisis Temporary State aid Framework (METSAF).

The Commission would like to **consult you on the draft communication** prolonging the METSAF by six months. The draft communication has been forwarded to you as a separate document, together with this letter.

The draft communication builds on the information gathered in the survey of Member States on the expiry of the METSAF, which closed on 7 October 2026. I would like to thank you for the valuable comments and suggestions provided in that process, which were duly taken into account whenever possible. Please rest assured that the Commission also looked carefully at the requests of certain Member States for letting the METSAF expire at the end of the year, as well as requests for expanding its scope beyond the existing sectors. On balance, however, the Commission decided to propose a six-month prolongation as per the attached draft communication.

Please understand that given the urgency in adopting the prolongation, the draft communication is only **available in English**.

DG Competition would appreciate to receive your written response by **9 November 2026 (close of business)**, preferably in the form of a mark-up of the draft communication, by e-mail addressed to COMP-STATE-AID-CRISIS-REACTION@ec.europa.eu.

According to the established practice, DG Competition is pleased to also invite you to a Multilateral meeting with the Member States' State aid experts concerning the prolongation of the METSAF.

The Multilateral meeting will take place remotely (conference call) via Webex on:

9 November 2026 from 10.30 to 12.30 (CET)

The details for the conference call are attached to this invitation (Annex 1).
The agenda of the Multilateral meeting is attached to this invitation (Annex 2).

Please note that the Commission will **not be able to offer professional interpretation** during the meeting. Participants will be asked to agree on English as the commonly understood language in the meeting, but the Commission will make its best efforts to meet participants' potential language needs. Recording of the meeting is not permitted.

I would be grateful if you would pass on this information to the competent authorities of your Member State so that they can make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for confirming your participation at the meeting to COMP-STATE-AID-CRISIS-REACTION@ec.europa.eu by **5 November 2026** at the latest.

e-signed

Anthony WHELAN

Attachments: Annex 1: Details for the conference call

Annex 2: Agenda

ANNEX 1

Details of the Webex conference call

Monday, November 9, 2026

10:30 AM | (UTC+01:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris | 2 hrs

Join meeting

More ways to join:

Join from the meeting link

https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mdbe4108e04704758cc20ef779050e374

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ANNEX 2

Agenda for the Multilateral meeting on 9 November 2026

(virtual meeting)

10.30-12.30 Potential prolongation of the Middle East crisis Temporary State aid Framework