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to the Commission**

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Subject: Financing for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and for undertakings in
 difficulty, plus the General Block Exemption Regulation

The Commission has embarked on the process of simplifying and clarifying state aid rules to strengthen the competitiveness of European companies and ensure fair competition in the internal market.

There needs to be a common interpretation of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) provisions on undertakings in difficulty – which are defined in Article 2(18)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 – so that Member States can determine whether those provisions are applicable without there being an imbalance between Member States with regard to the scope of the GBER and, ultimately, an imbalance between competing undertakings within the single market.

On that basis, could the Commission state whether ‘subscribed share capital’ must, in light of the judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-347/20, be interpreted as referring to all the contributions which the current or future members or shareholders of a company have already made or have irrevocably committed to making, taking into account the members’ current accounts or the debts representing the groups and members?

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