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Answer given by Ms Lahbib
on behalf of the European Commission
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The European Citizens' Initiative 'My voice my choice' calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for financial support to Member States that would be able to perform safe termination of pregnancies, in accordance with their domestic law, for anyone in Europe who still lacks access to safe and legal abortion. The proposed financial support, according to the organisers of the initiative, 'could take the form of an opt-in mechanism open to Member States on a voluntary basis'. On this basis, the Commission's registration decision observed that 'there seems to be no straightforward targeted interference with the competences of Member States to define their own health policy and the organisation of their health services'¹.

In accordance with Article 15(2) of Regulation 2019/788² the Commission will, by 2nd March 2026, set out in a Communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action. Any EU action would need to respect the responsibilities of the Member States for the definition of their health policy and for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care, which includes the management of health services and medical care, and the allocation of the resources assigned to them (Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

¹ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/1158 of 10 April 2024 on the request for registration, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of the European citizens' initiative entitled 'My Voice, My Choice: For Safe And Accessible Abortion', <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024D1158>.

² Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the European citizens' initiative, OJ L 130, 17.5.2019, pp. 55–81.