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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU agencies and attractive conditions for staff

In coming years some EU agencies are expected to face exceptional challenges and needs in the recruitment, training and retention of qualified staff while at the same time ensuring the broadest geographical representation.

A case in point is the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex). The Commission has tried to address this problem through its latest proposal for the Agency's founding Regulation. However, these measures would require a revision of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Union, laid down in Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68.

Any such proposals would need to be proportionate to the objectives pursued, and not give rise to unequal treatment of other staff of the Union.

Does the Commission intend to propose a revision of the Staff Regulations to address these serious challenges, especially given that the Commission has already proposed similar measures in the latest revision of the founding Regulation of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency?