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Multi-annual Financial Framework proposal:

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The European Commission has presented to Parliament its proposal for the future Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF) and new own resources after 2020.

The Commission does not take into account the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU with all the related financial consequences. The Commission's proposal is increasing the overall amount for the next MFF up to more than 1300 billion euros, meaning that national taxpayers' will have to pay more. Even more, the Commission proposes the idea of increased own resources based on value added tax, corporate income tax or environmental tax and levies, which ultimately will lead to further taxation of businesses and increased tax pressure on citizens.

The ENF Group rejects this proposal.

We regret the outrageous increase (around 20%) of the EU's administrative expenditure, which does not take also into account the economic restrictions experienced in several Member States. We refuse and deplore any attempt to use political or economic conditionality for EU funds, as it will be under the new Heading II: this is as a further attack against European Nations and their freedom and independence. We refuse any attempt to use the EU budget for defence or military related expenditures, as it will be with the new Heading V.

The EU or any other European authority should not be entitled to collect taxes in the name of national taxpayers. Levying taxes is a basic function of nation states and therefore should remain a competence of the Member States.

Marco Zanni MEP: "We reject any initiative leading to an increased direct or indirect tax pressure on our citizens and any attempt to give other power to the European Commission weakening the competences on National Member States."

Andre Elissen MEP: "Now is the time to adjust the budget considerably downwards. We should not pay more, but less, much less for the failed EU project."

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