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Subject: Objection on the Italian commemorative 2€ coin.

We would like to inform you that the draft design of the commemorative 2 euro coin submitted by Italy to the Euro Area members of the Euro Coin Sub-Committee which marks the centenary of the Associazione Nazionale Alpini (1919-2019), might raise substantial reactions in our country.

According to the Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation and the «COMMON UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF DRAFT DESIGNS FOR NEW NATIONAL SIDES OF EURO COINS" (ecfin.cef.cpe(2015)2955851) of the Economic and Financial Committee of 25/9/2015, controversial topics (mainly with military and religious character) touching upon sensitivities of other Member States, is suggested to be avoided.

Therefore, we would like to object and ask the withdrawal of the submitted draft design according to the paragraph 4, article 10, of the Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014.

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