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Answer given by Mr Gentiloni
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission acknowledges that the COVID-19 crisis has significantly weakened the economy of Cabo Verde and could be seen as a factor justifying a new temporary derogation.

However, a derogation is not intended as a long term, permanent solution and is granted when relevant conditions are met. The Commission may therefore envisage granting a derogation to Cabo Verde, subject to the respect of specific obligations. If the College so decides, a draft Commission Regulation granting the derogation could be adopted and published in spring 2021. In that case, the Commission Regulation should have retroactive effect from 1 January 2021.