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- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
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Statement by the United Kingdom

The UK believes that the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived is not consistent with the principle of subsidiarity. Food and material aid measures are better and more efficiently delivered by individual Member States through their own social programmes and their regional and local authorities. EU-financed action on social inclusion should be delivered through the European Social Fund rather than by creating a separate Fund.

Statement by Denmark

“Denmark recognises the need for special actions targeted the most deprived people in Europe.

However, Denmark finds that material assistance as proposed in the Fund for Aid for the Most Deprived lies within the competence and the responsibility of the Member States and therefore Denmark has been opposed to the Fund from the outset.

Based on this, Denmark maintains its overall reservation towards the Fund.”
