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to the Commission**
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Subject: Social dumping in aviation and airline pilot training in Europe

The deterioration of the airline pilot profession is mainly due to three facts:

- Student pilots are unable to receive student loans from the national banking authorities under the same conditions as any other student in Europe because the civil aviation authorities regulating their courses of study are under ministry of transport rather than ministry of education supervision.
- Airlines are not responsible, or only to a very small degree, for the costs of training for the airline itself (such as type rating and line training).
- Many pilots are now hired by intermediate companies or airlines themselves on short-term contracts (e.g. summer season only), with no job security and no social security or health insurance.

This deterioration has negative effects on teaching and working conditions for pilots; this could, in turn, have an impact on the safety of flights and passengers, owing to excessive nervous tension and fatigue stemming from the financial uncertainty of students and the working conditions in force at many airlines.

What does the Commission intend to do to reverse these practices and compel airlines to restore working conditions which are in line with the profession and the responsibility of the pilot, and to make it possible for student pilots to receive student loans for their education under the same conditions as all other students in Europe?