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to the Commission**

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Subject: Reducing emissions from civil aviation

International negotiations to reduce emissions from civil aviation have resumed. DG Transport and DG Environment have floated the idea of having all the Member States ratify a treaty which will allow the European Union to regulate its emissions and half the emissions caused by flights between EU territory and other destinations.

The Commission has noted that the emissions trading system will continue to exist, even if negotiations conducted under the aegis of the International Civil Aviation Authority are not concluded between now and 2016, in which case the system will continue to apply both to European flights and to long-haul flights, which are currently exempt.

That means that we shall have a binding system at European level that only the EU Member States will apply.

What will be the economic impact on civil aviation in the Union? How does the Commission intend to offset the additional costs to civil aviation in the Union, which is already in difficulty due to unfair competition from certain state-backed companies?