

**Question for written answer E-011284/2014**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Passenger name records in third countries

An increasing number of third countries are adopting legislation on gathering passenger name record (PNR) data from the air carriers that land on their territory. Air carriers registered in the EU are bound by the *acquis*, which rightly forbids the transfer of such data unless an appropriate legal solution, such as a bilateral agreement, is in place. We cannot transfer our citizens' data without appropriate data protection and security safeguards. However, Mexico's legislation on PNR gathering, for instance, will enter into force on 1 January 2015.

1. What are the Commission's plans for dealing with situations in which a third country is adopting legislation on PNR that would force air carriers from the EU to choose whether to abide by the *acquis* or be subjected to fines from that third country?
2. What possible solutions could the EU adopt to deal with this situation?
3. What third countries does the Commission know to have adopted or to be preparing legislation on gathering PNR data from air carriers? Are any third countries considering doing the same for other means of transport?