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to the Commission**

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Subject:     Confiscation

In adopting Directive 2014/42/EU on the freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and proceeds of crime in the European Union, the European Parliament and the Council simultaneously adopted two joint declarations regarding, firstly, the possibility of extending the confiscation of proceeds from crime to a European level – even in the case of non-conviction – and, secondly, the necessity of implementing mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders.

In light of the above, can the European Commission please answer the following questions:

- When does it intend to carry out a study on the feasibility of introducing common laws on non-conviction-based confiscations and how such laws could potentially be beneficial in the fight against organised crime – as requested in the first of the joint declarations of the European Parliament and the Council mentioned above?
  
- When does it intend to present a proposal for legislation governing the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders, something which is indispensable for the proper and effective application of Directive 2014/42/EU – as reiterated in the second joint declaration of the European Parliament and the Council?