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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rise in the price of airline tickets in the Canary Isles

There has been a significant drop in fuel prices over the past few months, which has had a clear knock-on effect for citizens when filling the tanks of their cars, among other transactions. However, this decrease has not been felt in the prices passengers have to pay for using collective transport, whether public or private.

The situation is especially difficult for the inhabitants of outermost regions such as the Canary Isles, where the prices of airline tickets have risen sharply rather than falling, which makes it much more difficult for them to travel.

Although this air transport, mainly to and from the mainland of Spain, is run by private companies, it is regulated through public transport obligations so as to guarantee connection for these citizens, which is a fundamental aspect also within the European Union.

What is the EU's view of air transport prices and, in the particular case of the Canary Islands, the rise in the price of tickets over the past few months?

Does the Commission consider it necessary to adopt any measures with a view to facilitating a decrease in these prices?