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to the Commission**
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Subject: <Titre>A stronger role for the EU in the OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission</Titre>

The Commission Work Programme for 2015 identifies the promotion of stability at Europe's borders as one of the key priorities in the light of the development of a more effective common foreign policy.

The OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission in Eastern Ukraine, tasked with monitoring the ongoing conflict between the Ukrainian army and separatist forces on an impartial basis, can be considered a big test for the EU strategic empowerment.

The mission and its mandate are in line with the EU's own policy of helping to create stability in Ukraine and contain the danger of further conflict. Considering that a considerable number of Russians have been included in the mission, the EU needs to recognise the limitations of the SMM as it is currently composed and mandated.

What measures can the Commission take in order to act in a more coordinated fashion in the OSCE framework?

What mechanism can the Commission put in place that will interact efficiently and in a timely manner with the OSCE on operational issues?