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to the Commission**
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Subject: Alcohol consumption in OECD countries

The OECD has recently published a report on alcohol consumption in its Member States. In addition to its clear harmfulness for consumer health and the associated collateral damage, alcohol abuse costs 1% of the GDP of the OECD economies.

Despite the slight fall in alcohol consumption, the OECD countries remain above the global average consumption levels. Furthermore, the OECD has noted the significant appearance of a type of behaviour among young people, for the most part, known as 'binge drinking'.

These findings reveal a problematic situation linked to the (over-)consumption of alcohol within the OECD.

In view of the details contained in this new OECD report, is the Commission considering reviewing its stance regarding a strategy to decrease alcohol consumption in its Member States?