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to the Council
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Subject: Smaller cabin baggage for airline passengers

At their 71st annual assembly held on 9 June 2015 in Miami (USA), executives of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) were in favour of the dimensions of hand luggage that can be taken into the cabin being reduced from the current size down to 55 cm high, 35 cm wide and 20 cm deep.

IATA is in fact confident that suitcases of this size will be available on the market at the end of this year with an official stamp stating that they have been officially approved by IATA as cabin luggage.

In 2013 the Commission presented its proposal on improving EU legislation on passenger rights. This is still awaiting approval by the Council of the European Union.

How should this proposal by IATA be viewed? Will it affect the procedure to adopt the EU legislation now awaiting approval?