Question for written answer E-010649/2015 to the Commission

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Subject: Safety devices for children in cars

The most recent in a long list of deaths caused by parents leaving their young children in cars occurred in Vicenza, Italy, on 1 June 2015. A baby girl, aged just 17 months, was found to have died from hyperthermia after being locked in the vehicle by her parents and left in a car park in bright sunshine.

Reports of memory blackouts – that is to say automatic behaviour which, in combination with stress or tiredness, can cause a parent to forget that their child is even in the car – continue to emerge.

UN/ECE Regulation No 129 on uniform provisions concerning the approval of enhanced Child Restraint Systems used on board of motor vehicles, which entered into force on 10 June 2014, makes no provisions for a system to pre-empt these memory blackouts.

- Can the Commission please indicate whether it is aware of any safety systems, such as the Italian innovations RemoVe before landing, Infant reminder and Remmy, which could potentially save children's lives?
- Does it deem it appropriate to support European regulations requiring the use of these kinds of safety devices as a matter of law?

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