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to the Commission**

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Subject: Electronic commerce in the outermost regions

The European Parliament adopted a resolution in 2014 on an integrated parcel delivery market for the growth of e-commerce in the EU.

In the above resolution, it is pointed out that the high cost of cross-border delivery or delivery to remote areas or the outermost regions is one of the main reasons for consumer dissatisfaction. For that reason, the resolution goes on to state, more affordable delivery options for consumers and sellers, SMEs included, are imperative if long-distance sales and purchases are to increase and there is to be any point in talking of a genuinely single market.

What measures is the Commission implementing to prevent consumers in the outermost regions from finding it more difficult and expensive to access e-commerce?

What measures is the Commission implementing to ensure that SMEs in the outermost regions are also able to benefit from the rise of e-commerce?