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Subject: Fight against the MERS coronavirus (MERS-CoV)

At the beginning of June, the German health authorities announced the death of a sixty-five-year-old German who had become infected with the **MERS-CoV**. He had returned in February from a visit to the UAE.

In the Arabian Peninsula, more specifically in Saudi Arabia, more than 950 people have become infected and 412 people have died from the **MERS-CoV** since 2012, according to the records. The epidemic has also killed 19 people in South Korea following the return of a person from Saudi Arabia.

The mortality rate of this virus is currently 35% according to WHO, and there is no vaccine or treatment for this virus which appeared in 2012. Other cases of infection with the **MERS-CoV** have been reported in the United States, France, the UK, the Netherlands, Austria and Turkey.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. If so, what measures can the Commission take to prevent the spread of this virus in Europe?