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to the Commission**

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Subject: Racist, xenophobic and 'poor-a-phobic' attitudes in the world of sport

In recent days Madrid, Barcelona and Rome have seen fresh cases of racist behaviour by fans of various European football teams (PSV Eindhoven, Arsenal and Sparta Prague).

Regrettably, this kind of behaviour occurs year after year, as I have already reported in written questions E-002961/2015 of 26 February 2015 on male violence against women in football and E-010246/2014 of 4 December 2014 on football violence in Europe (death of a Deportivo de La Coruña supporter).

Cases of racism and xenophobia connected with sport are on the increase, as are anti-poor attitudes ('poor-a-phobia'). According to the latest report from the Ministry of the Interior, this type of hate crime increased by 36% in Spain alone in 2015.

Under Article 165 TFEU, the EU can support, coordinate and supplement the action taken by Member States in the field of sport and foster cooperation between the competent national organisations.

What is the Commission's view of these events? Has it made headway in its attempts to eliminate this type of behaviour from the world of sport? What type of measures does it plan to adopt in the future?