

**Question for written answer E-006623/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Appearance of the Zika virus in the United States and its prevention in Europe

On 1 August 2016, the US health authorities recommended that pregnant women avoid part of the city of Miami in Florida given the risk of contracting the Zika virus from mosquitoes.

After the first death in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, the virus seems to be continuing to spread, aided by travel and immigration. Hundreds of women in Puerto Rico have been affected.

The percentage of symptomatic pregnant women with a confirmed infection rose from 8% in February 2016 to 41% in June 2016.

1. Faced with this real danger, especially after the summer travel period, has the Commission taken the exceptional measures necessary to protect European citizens at the EU's borders and in transit areas?
2. Are other such measures planned for checking people returning from this year's Rio Olympics?