Question for written answer E-002111/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Speed-limited cars (Class L7e)

In Finland, a number of serious and even fatal accidents involving light quadri-mobiles have aroused concern about the safety of such vehicles, which have rapidly come into general use. According to statistics, indeed, each year one in ten light quadri-mobiles is involved in a collision. These vehicles are very unsafe when an accident happens. For example, in 2012 seventeen people were injured in Finland in such vehicles for every 1 000 of them on the road, whereas the corresponding figure for mopeds was 13 and for cars around five. It has been suggested that, as an alternative to light quadri-mobiles, it would be possible to introduce a class of speed-limited cars (light vehicles of Class L7e), which would be similar to a conventional car in terms of technology and safety features but would be unable to exceed a certain speed. Such vehicles could be used, in particular, for safe driving on the road by young people aged 16-18 and older persons.

Will the Commission introduce measures to promote the general introduction of speed-limited cars as a replacement for light quadri-mobiles? What scope for action do Member States have in this regard?

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