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Subject: Outermost regions and their relations with the EU

On 30 and 31 March 2017, the fourth Forum of the Outermost Regions was held in Brussels. On this occasion, Didier Robert, President of the Réunion Regional Council, gave his views regarding the main points of the memorandum submitted to the Commission on behalf of all the outermost regions (ORs).

It was also pointed out that a complete overhaul of OR relations with the EU institutions was needed. The ORs highlighted the need to not only strengthen the sense of belonging to the European Union but also review the competitiveness of such territories, as well as the common commercial policy.

In response to this, Jean-Claude Juncker announced that the Commission intended, by the end of the year, to produce 'a renewed strategy for your regions taking account of the economic developments of recent years and the expectations of your citizens'.

In view of this, is the Commission now able to outline its future strategy and clarify its objectives for the ORs?