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to the Commission**

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Subject: Ban on electronic devices in the cabins of commercial aircraft

Aviation safety and security are of global importance. Threats must be addressed in the current context of the Islamist terrorist menace. The move on the part of the US and the UK to ban large electronic devices in the passenger cabins of aircraft flying from several Middle Eastern and Central Asian countries, and the intention to extend this ban to aircraft flying from Europe indicate the existence of credible threats to aviation safety in the EU.

Could the Commission inform us about how discussions with the US on the possible extension of the scope of the ban are progressing? Could it also inform us about a timeline for possible measures and whether the EU is well placed to take the necessary steps in a timely manner?

If there are imminent threats to aviation safety and the US and UK have already reacted, a different assessment nevertheless appears to prevail in the rest of the EU, where no new measures have been adopted up until now, and we are mindful of the possible confusion such a mismatch might cause for passengers. Can the Commission explain how it will ensure that, if measures are required, their negative impact on passengers can be kept to a minimum?

The Council's lack of interest in the Commission proposal for a regulation establishing a Union certification system for aviation security screening equipment is incomprehensible.

Will the Commission urge the Council to take an interest in the proposal so that it can be addressed?