

**Question for written answer E-004341/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: US/European Commission - Boeing/Airbus - WTO dispute

On 9 June 2017, a WTO panel issued a damning report on the US and the company Boeing. The document revealed how the American firm had been receiving direct state aid granted by different US authorities for several years.

The aid has significantly impeded competition with the European company Airbus. In the event of distortion of competition, the WTO can authorise the aggrieved party to impose retaliatory measures against the other party.

1. In the light of this, what measures does the Commission intend to take to correct the situation of unfair competition and to restore the balance between the manufacturers Airbus and Boeing?
2. In more general terms, given that the dispute has been going on for years, what strategy does the Commission propose to reach a lasting settlement which would allow the stakeholders to return to an environment of fair competition?