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on aviation safety and dangerous flights of military aircraft

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1. Russian military aircraft frequently disregard safety requirements in international air space by not switching on communication systems or communicating with dispatchers.
2. The activity of military aircraft has increased considerably in European air space since 2014, especially in the Baltic Sea region.
3. Several international airports in the Baltic Sea region have extremely heavy traffic, with many aircraft changing altitude and manoeuvring – these airports include Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Riga, Tallinn and Gdansk.
4. Flying with transponders and communication systems switched off poses a serious risk to passenger aircraft.
5. In recent months several near misses have occurred between passenger aircraft and military aircraft flying without transponders.
6. The Commission is therefore called upon to come forward, in the shortest possible time, with a risk analysis for civil air traffic in the Baltic Sea region and to consider political and defence-related measures aimed at addressing the current alarming situation.
7. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.