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Subject: Ustica

27 June 2005 marked the 25th anniversary of the Ustica disaster in which 85 people lost their lives. In 1999, after one of the longest investigations in Italy's judicial history, the investigating judge R. Priore issued an indictment stating that the DC-9 accident occurred following military interception, and that the DC-9 was shot down in the course of an international police operation.

Recently, the Rome Criminal Court found a number of generals who were members of the Italian airforce at the time of the accident guilty of high treason for failing to inform the Italian judiciary that military aircraft were known to be in the vicinity of the DC-9 at the time of the disaster.

With reference to the European Parliament's resolution of 7 October 1999 (B5-0148/1999¹), what action has been taken by the Commission in order to make movements by civilian aircraft safer during military activity on the part of NATO or an individual country's air force?

¹ OJ C 107, 13.4.2000, p. 110.