

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3084/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Cross-border application of road safety law

On 17 December 2008 the European Parliament adopted the proposal for a directive COM(2008)0151, on facilitating cross-border enforcement in the field of road safety. The directive aims to facilitate the exchange of information between Member States to enable them to prosecute any motorist committing an offence, even if the vehicle is registered in a different Member State.

Despite Parliament's vote by a very large majority in favour of the report by Mrs Ayala Sender, the process of adopting the directive is being held up because of legal difficulties raised by several Member States in the Council.

In view of the need to work for a reduction in the number of people killed on Europe's roads, we cannot be satisfied with this situation. Faced with the Council's lack of determination to improve cross-border cooperation on road safety, the Commission should as the only institution with the right of initiative put forward a legislative solution to make progress on this matter.

What solutions is the Commission considering to follow up Parliament's vote of 17 December 2008 and reassure our fellow citizens that the European Union is taking action to improve safety on our roads?