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to the Commission**

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Subject: State of play with regard to the Council Recommendation on preventing injury and promoting safety

Each year, some 7 million EU citizens are admitted to hospital due to injury. In addition, some 35 million people are treated for injury at A&E departments. Accidents and injury are also a major cause of death, particularly in children and adolescents. Accident prevention can make a crucial contribution to cost efficiency.

In order to respond to this challenge, the Council adopted a Recommendation on the prevention of injury and the promotion of safety (2007/C 164 /01) on 31 May 2007.

However, the implementation of this recommendation seems to be proceeding extremely slowly. The Commission has apparently not convened the EU Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Group since 2009. Moreover, in the Recommendation the Commission was asked to compile an evaluation report within four years, but this report is still not available.

1. What is the present state of play with regard to the requests addressed to the Commission in the Recommendation?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the current implementation of the Recommendation in the Member States?
3. When can the Commission's evaluation report be expected, and what measures will the Commission take in this regard in the near future?