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to the Commission**

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Subject: Money from Mexican drug cartels

Since 2006 almost 100 000 people have been killed in Mexico in the so-called war on drugs. The sources of the cartels' revenues include drugs, the smuggling of weapons, human trafficking and extortion. It is assumed that they launder and 'invest' this money in 52 countries worldwide, with much of this money finding its way to the European Union.

1. How does the Commission collect information on and assess the amount of money from Mexican drug cartels that enters the European Union? Which DGs are involved?
2. Into which sectors does this money flow? What instruments does the Commission use to break the data down?
3. What kinds of measures are being used or are intended for use with a view to stemming this flow of 'dirty money' into the EU?
4. Bearing in mind future developments as regards the EU-Mexico Global Agreement, and with various sectors becoming more open, has the Commission identified the sections of the Global Agreement that should contain provisions on common supervision, prudential carve-outs, money flow monitoring, etc.? Is the Commission in contact with the Mexican authorities on this issue?