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to the Commission**

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Subject: Level of charges for using railway infrastructure in the EU

According to a report produced by Poland's Civil Affairs Institute entitled 'Trucks on Tracks, Freight on Rails', charges for using the railway infrastructure in Poland are among the highest in the European Union.

This is a somewhat bizarre situation, because the Polish state railway company PKP PLK is imposing a high charge for a railway infrastructure of low quality. As a consequence rail transport in Poland represents only around 2 % of all haulage, while in the EU Member States this figure is on average around 15 %.

Does the Commission therefore intend to take any action, and what future measures it is planning, to achieve harmonisation of charges for using railway infrastructure in the different EU Member States so that the price reflects the quality of service provided?