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to the Commission**

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Subject: Intensifying the fight against the smuggling of tobacco products

Last December, the finance ministers of the EU Member States underlined the serious, predominantly financial consequences of the illegal trafficking of tobacco products. It has a negative impact mainly on budgets, and also on health, especially among young people. It seems that cooperation should be improved in terms of imposing sanctions for this criminal activity.

What specific, legislative steps could the Commission take to streamline efforts in the fight against the smuggling of cigarettes and other tobacco products?