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Subject: Plan for communal action against Ebola

Yesterday the first case of Ebola infection outside Africa was confirmed in Madrid.

The European Union ought to act both as a supervisor and as a platform for collaboration among the various EU Member States in order to provide them with a timely and effective strategy for preventing one of the most deadly epidemics in recent times from reaching our continent.

Accordingly, the European Commission should urgently answer the following questions:

- 1. Does the Commission intend to promote a European protocol with a view to the EU supervising and coordinating, as the case may be, the measures to be adopted by Member States in order to deal with the emergency caused by the virus? Is it satisfied with the efforts being made by the various European governments to ensure that their citizens follow the right guidelines on health and to contain the public concern that this new case may give rise to?
- 2. The Commission has asked Spain for information regarding the Madrid infection. In what manner will it demand information regarding the protocols followed by Member States from now on to prevent health personnel becoming infected?

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