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to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Double passport control

Passport control is an accepted and normal practice at international airports in the EU when considering flights from and to Member States which are not part of the Schengen area. These, however, happen at points established for this purpose. Recently, German authorities at Frankfurt International Airport have adopted the practice of carrying out passport control at the exit of aircraft arriving from EU Member States outside Schengen. This is happening even though passengers have already had such a check before boarding the aircraft, and despite the fact that they are about to have another one, but at the points established for this purpose.

In this regard, we ask the European Commission, in its capacity as a guardian of the Treaties, if it considers this practice to be in violation of the principles of equality and non-discrimination laid down in the Lisbon Treaty and on which the EU was founded?

Does the Commission intend to undertake measures in order to understand the causes for this decision by the German authorities, which apparently show a lack of confidence in the relevant authorities in other Member States and apply double standards?

In the event that it finds a violation, will it initiate a procedure to sanction this high-handedness?