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to the Commission**

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Subject: Huge price rises for travel between northern and southern Italy

A survey by Italy's national consumer organisation Federconsumatori has found that fares have risen for travel to southern Italy over the Christmas period, and to Apulia, Calabria and Sicily in particular. In some cases air fares are as much as 188 % higher than normal. While price increases may be partly justified by increased demand during this period, it is nevertheless possible that this is a case of market distortion caused by dominant positions that breach competition rules.

In view of this:

- Has the Commission considered whether these increased fares might be due to unfair practices?
- Furthermore, has it analysed the market situation to avoid any abuse of a dominant position on a competitive market?