Question for written answer E-004281/2019 to the Commission Rule 138 Ignazio Corrao (NI)

Subject: Judgment on price supplements for cabin baggage on Ryanair flights

In the past few months the airline Ryanair has imposed a 'priority' price supplement on people who want to board a flight carrying hand luggage weighing not more than 10 kilos, in addition to their own personal bag.

On 20 November 2019, a Spanish court ruled against Ryanair for having imposed a EUR 20 surcharge on a passenger for taking her small carry-on suitcase on board an aircraft.

The judgment required that Ryanair remove its clause requiring passengers to pay a supplement for hand luggage, deeming it to be illegal because it limited passenger rights as laid down in Article 97 of the Spanish Transport Act.

Moreover, the court held that Ryanair's conduct was 'not protected' by the EU provision which allows airlines to freely determine the prices for their services, that is to say the amount that airlines charge for transport and the conditions relating thereto.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1. Is the price supplement required by Ryanair, which is applied to passengers all over Europe, in breach of passenger rights in all Member States?
- 2. What action does it intend to take to guarantee to other European passengers, too, that Ryanair's baggage policy is not unlawful?