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to the Commission**

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Subject: Coronavirus app: need for the Commission to safeguard the privacy of citizens, and storage of sensitive data

Digitisation of data is of strategic importance, from the point of view both of citizens' privacy rights and of the acquisition of data identified as sensitive which are potentially useful for commercial purposes related to individual profiling processes, a field in which, as is well known, there are serious disagreements between the Chinese and US Governments.

According to reports in the national media, the European Union has published guidelines for the implementation of technical and IT tools to track the spread of coronavirus and thus facilitate confinement.

Among the various provisions of the guidelines, it is stipulated that apps should be installed only on a voluntary basis and that they should operate by means of Bluetooth, a short-range communication technology (limited to a maximum of about 10 metres) which ensures anonymity and interoperability of apps among Member States in such a way that citizens will be protected even when they cross borders.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission give details of how it intends to monitor the ways in which the individual States manage the storage of sensitive data?
2. Can the Commission guarantee that these technologies will be used in a way that safeguards the principles of freedom and privacy of citizens?