

**Question for written answer E-002594/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: State aid to European airlines and bans on some flights

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the transport sector, in particular the aviation sector, a number of Member States are negotiating ambitious rescue plans for their traditional national carriers. Member States, such as the Netherlands, Spain, Germany and France, are contemplating granting this type of aid to a key sector for the economy and tourism, in line with European regulations on State aid in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Faced with this scenario, some national parties of these States are pressing their respective governments to lay down a series of conditions for airlines in exchange for receiving aid. These conditions include a ban on flying to 'unnecessary holiday destinations that generate no added value for the economy.'

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. How does it view the fact that some political parties are making State aid subject to prohibitions without any sanitary basis whatsoever that seriously harm the interests of European tourism?
2. How will it preserve one of the fundamental pillars of the EU, namely the internal market and the freedom of movement of its citizens?