Question for written answer E-003030/2023 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Pilot fatigue and inadequate risk management among European airlines

There are widespread shortcomings in airlines' management of the safety risks associated with crew fatigue, as well as in the safety oversight provided by national aviation authorities. These are the key findings of a recent report by aviation consultancy Baines Simmons. The report also shows that pilot fatigue levels were already high at the start of the summer season, confirming that pilot fatigue is a problem in many airlines across Europe.

Can the Commission share how it intends to:

- 1. promote and ensure that significant improvements are made to airline safety management.
- 2. ask the EU Aviation Safety Agency to strengthen safety rules to ensure that fatigue-related risks are managed in a mandatory and appropriate manner.
- 3. ensure that the EU Aviation Safety Agency and national authorities properly supervise the way in which airlines manage the safety risks associated with pilot fatigue.

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