

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3220/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Viability of the construction of a new airport at Corvera (Murcia, Spain)

Recent press reports state that the Spanish government intends to build the above new regional airport, following the approval by the Interministerial Committee for Defence and Transport of a report favouring its construction, which, it is claimed, will meet the alleged need for new facilities to handle large numbers of tourists.

Is the Commission aware of these developments?

Does the Commission not consider this new scheme to be contrary to the recommendation made in the white paper on European transport policy for 2010 (COM(201) 370) that the construction of new airports should be suspended?

Does the Commission not consider that Spain's airports already have excess capacity, and that this circumstance casts doubt on the viability of any fresh projects?