

**Question for written answer P-007338/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Supporting European industries

Recent decisions by the United States Department of Commerce to recommend punitive duties on orders of Bombardier's C Series aircraft continue to threaten the jobs of more than 4 000 workers employed at Bombardier's Northern Ireland plant. There is a clear need to ensure fair international trade of the new generation of aircraft, including the C Series, which use ground breaking technologies to offer substantial environmental and transport benefits.

The Commission has raised concerns that the duty levels imposed on C Series imports are incompatible with World Trade Organisation rules and has submitted a case brief to the US Secretary of Commerce challenging the US position, in addition to assisting the United Kingdom Government.

1. Pending any further interim or final responses by US authorities, can the Commission clarify specifically what additional technical or political actions it is considering to defend the interests of the European aviation industry?
2. Does the Commission agree that the current US administration's approach to imports and the setting of duties has worrying implications for other European industries?
3. Is the Commission developing a co-ordinated strategy across all relevant directorates-general and areas of Commissioner responsibility to respond accordingly?