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to the Commission
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Subject: Reducing road traffic casualties through vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication

On 17 May 2018, the Commission published the 'Third Mobility Package', a set of transport policy proposals that includes a communication outlining the Commission's strategy for connected and automated mobility.

According to the package, the Commission will adopt specifications on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) through a delegated act under the Intelligent Transport Systems Directive (2010/40/EU), including vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication.

For such safety communication to be effective, all vehicles must be able to 'speak the same language'. To attain critical mass across Member States, it is important that the same technology be used consistently, by as many stakeholders as possible.

This has been recognised by Parliament in its resolution[1], which stresses the importance of interoperable and compatible communication technologies ('backward compatibility').

Through many years of research and development, robust cross-border testing and both public and private investment, the dedicated road safety technology ITS-G5 will be rolled out in Europe in 2019. This will represent a major milestone in terms of European road traffic safety.

Can the Commission confirm that the future delegated act will safeguard these important achievements and clearly specify that ITS-G5 is the standard for safety communication technology in order to create a solid foundation for the future of European mobility and cut the number of road traffic deaths?

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[1]   European Parliament resolution of 13 March 2018 on a European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems, Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0063.