

**Question for written answer P-001217/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Overflights of conflict zones

Better cooperation between Member States and with the Commission is needed in order to promote aviation safety. This will enable the rapid exchange of information, for example on the risks of flying over conflict zones. To this end, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has been assigned additional powers with the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139. However, the Dutch Safety Board (OVV) report on 'Flying over Conflict Zones'¹ concludes that 'information sharing about abrupt changes in the threat level occurs on an ad hoc basis and through informal networks'². This raises questions about access to relevant information in order to safeguard aviation safety.

1. How do existing tools, such as the EU Aviation Security Risk Assessment Group, arrange for sharing of information on conflict situations, including if they escalate rapidly?
2. How do these tools work in practice?
3. How will the Commission and/or EASA guarantee that all air carriers are equally well informed?

¹ <https://www.onderzoeksraad.nl/en/page/4953/flying-over-conflict-zones---follow-up-recommendations-mh17-crash>

² Dutch version of the report, p. 70; English version, p. 66.