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to the Commission**
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Subject: Commission position on new coronavirus

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), on 31 December 2019, a cluster of pneumonia cases of unknown origin was detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. On 7 January, the Chinese authorities identified a new type of coronavirus — different from any other previously known human coronavirus — as the cause of this viral pneumonia.

Up to 198 cases had been identified by that time, including 4 cases imported into Thailand (2), Japan (1) and South Korea (1).

In light of this:

1. What action does the European Commission intend to take to control and prevent the spread of the coronavirus on European territory?
2. What measures does the European Commission intend to adopt to ensure the rapid detection of this virus in the various Member States?
3. In order to ensure that the virus is not spread through imports, how will the European Commission ensure effective monitoring of imported goods?