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to the Commission**

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Subject: Deterioration of the working conditions of pilots and cabin crew

Since September 2017, the Irish airline Ryanair has cancelled over twenty thousand flights. Fresh strikes are planned this month over poor management of pilot schedules and poor working conditions in particular. Several pilots have claimed to have been seriously at risk of falling asleep in breach of European regulations, because of the constraints imposed on them by the low cost airline which has responded by denying the existence of any problem of this type. In order to increase profitability, the management is reportedly constantly asking its flight crews to do more, whether they be pilots or cabin crew members, pushing them right to the brink of what is legal.

Studies also point out that pilot fatigue is not sufficiently taken into account by airlines. Thus, in July 2017, a report presented to the CHSCT (Committee on Health, Safety and Working Conditions) of HOP !, the regional subsidiary of Air France, stated that 43% of the airline's pilots had already felt completely exhausted at some point and that 5% of them were at risk of burnout.

What measures does the Commission intend to take, in cooperation with the European Aviation Safety Agency, to ensure that the safety rules applicable to flight crews are respected and that they are relevant?