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Objet : Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community [**first reading**]

- Adoption (**LA + S**)
- (a) of the common position
- (b) of the statement of the Council's reasons
- Statement

STATEMENT BY MALTA

As a small, peripheral island state, Malta is dependent on air travel; it has no other adequate and comparable alternative modes of transport. This results in a high share of air transport value added in total value added for the country. Furthermore, for the past half-century tourism has been crucial for the country's economy and the average share of GDP of tourism earnings over the past seven years is, according to Eurostat, estimated at 13.7 %; this is much higher than the EU average. Furthermore, this is generated by international tourism which is fully dependent on aviation.

The implementation of the Directive could, therefore, have serious repercussions on the Maltese economy. Nevertheless, the inclusion of further aspects to be addressed under the review of this Directive should ensure that key concerns on the impact of the scheme on the structural dependency on aviation of islands, landlocked and peripheral regions can be studied and solutions identified if necessary.

