

**Question for written answer E-014515/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Air crash in Sinai

On 31 October 2015, a Russian Airbus from Sharm el-Sheik bound for St Petersburg crashed in the Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 passengers on board.

The investigations into the accident are still ongoing, and it has not been ruled out that a bomb planted by ISIS or an affiliated terrorist group caused the crash; nor has the possibility of mechanical failure been excluded.

Since there have recently been many aircraft accidents for a variety of reasons (in 2015 alone, TransAsia Airways flight No. 235, Germanwings flight No. 9525 and the Trigana Air Service flight), the EU is committed to increasing the level of flight security: during the plenary sitting of 29 October 2015, the European Parliament approved a draft resolution on a global flight tracking system.

In view of the above, will the Commission say what position it intends to adopt and what measures it will take in this connection, particularly given the possibility that the plane crash in Sinai was caused by a terrorist attack?