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to the Commission

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Subject: Mobility poverty in the EU's outermost regions

A recent study commissioned by Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism, entitled 'Transport and tourism in outermost regions: assessing mobility poverty and the effects of new climate policies', confirms that mobility poverty remains a major and persistent structural challenge in the EU's outermost regions. This is aggravated by geographic isolation, underdeveloped transport infrastructure and additional burdens stemming from the implementation of new EU climate legislation.

The study concludes that, in the absence of appropriate structural investment, the implementation of the 'Fit for 55' package risks deepening mobility poverty and undermining territorial cohesion, especially in archipelagic regions. Specifically, this would threaten the affordability and availability of essential transport services for residents and tourists alike.

In the light of the above, can the Commission clarify whether it is considering:

1. the establishment of a permanent support programme for transport specific to the outermost regions?
2. making current derogations in transport-related climate legislation for outermost regions permanent, or introducing further flexibility in the application of these instruments?
3. taking into account the additional costs incurred by the EU's outermost regions for necessary infrastructure investment within the context of the future multiannual financial framework?

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