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to the Commission

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Subject: Police and security cooperation between Europol and the Dominican Republic

The fight against organised transnational crime, internal security, and respect for and compliance with the law are objectives shared by the countries of the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean. Police cooperation between the two regions is key to ensuring safer societies for our citizens. The cooperation agreements signed by Europol with third countries are of great importance in this regard.

The Dominican Republic is one of the most stable and safest countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, with one of the lowest homicide rates in the entire region and excellent bilateral cooperation on internal security with many European Member States. However, the Dominican Republic and Europol have not signed cooperation agreement, as this would require the country to be declared a ‘country of interest’ by the European Commission (DG HOME).

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to add the Dominican Republic to its list of countries of interest to Europol?
2. What action is being taken in this regard and what progress has been achieved?

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