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Subject: Preparedness strategy for avian influenza outbreaks

The WHO has been warning that there could be an unprecedented spread of the avian influenza virus. The situation, especially in the United States and the Americas as a whole, is very worrying, and we need to step up precautionary measures as a result, since there is a high risk of human-to-human transmission. From the start of 2003 to 22 April 2025, a total of 973 cases of avian influenza in humans, of which 470 were fatal (case fatality rate of 48 %), have been reported from 25 countries globally.

As it faces this situation, the EU must step up precautions and be prepared. We would therefore like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. How is the Commission stepping up its prevention, preparedness and response efforts in this area in conjunction with its Member States, and what cooperation mechanisms does it have with third countries?
2. How is the One Health approach being integrated into the preparedness strategy to cover the risk to food security and nutrition?
3. What progress has been made with regard to developing or acquiring H5N1 vaccines, both for animals and for humans?

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