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Subject: New liquid drugs and the evolving narcotics market in the EU

At Bologna airport on 6 July 2026, as part of Operation Black Poison, the Guardia di Finanza and Italy's Customs Agency seized over 130 litres of 'Monkey Tail' – a home-made liquid psychoactive mixture from Nigeria – transported in over 40 bottles supposedly containing alcohol. The two individuals involved had been in regular transit through Bologna for about six months.

The case highlights the evolution of the narcotics market, characterised by the spread of new psychoactive substances, mixtures of variable composition and new methods of concealment. According to the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA), in 2025, there were 50 new psychoactive substances recorded for the first time in Europe and 55 tonnes were reported to the EU Early Warning System.

The EU drugs strategy also recognises criminal organisations' growing capacity to adapt substances, routes and methods of trafficking.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of 'Monkey Tail' and its spread in the EU or similar liquid psychoactive mixtures or any other seizures?
2. How does it intend to adapt EU monitoring and warning tools to the rapid evolution of substances, mixtures and methods of concealment?
3. How can it strengthen cooperation between the EUDA, Europol, customs authorities, Member States and third countries to identify new substances, routes and trafficking methods in a timely manner?

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