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to the Commission**

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Subject: Lack of resources to combat drug trafficking in southern Spain

According to recent reports from the Spanish State Public Prosecutor's Office and the Ministry of the Interior – in its Annual National Security Report – and as acknowledged by the European Commission, southern Europe is a rapidly growing entry point for drug trafficking and illegal immigration. However, the material resources available to the Civil Guard are insufficient to curb this rise in crime.

The officers policing the entire Almería coastline (200 km long) do not have a single helicopter and must make do with a measly three patrol boats. Furthermore, various police sources claim that the Costa Tropical of Granada and Almería has become a 'refuelling point' for drug traffickers, and the Almería Public Prosecutor's Office notes that cocaine trafficking has soared by 325 per cent in two years.

In light of the above:

1. Has the Spanish Government informed the Commission of the uptick in drug and human trafficking on the Costa Tropical of Granada and Almería in recent months?
2. Can Spain make use of any Commission mechanism or programme to provide the Civil Guard with additional material resources to bolster its work in the area? Has it requested such assistance?

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