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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission acting on behalf of the Union rigorously enforces the EU-Qatar Air Transport Agreement¹'s robust financial transparency provisions, with support from EU Member States. It regularly exchanges financial information with the Qatari authorities, allowing both the Commission and Member States to review the reports and assess compliance with the Agreement. The Qatari authorities have consistently provided answers to information requested by the Commission, including the granting of access to confidential information and internal company documents. Qatar Airways belongs to Qatar Airways Group, which published its annual financial reports in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. These are certified by the Opinion of the company's independent external auditor. The Commission is therefore satisfied with the engagement on financial matters with the Qatari authorities.

2. As a result, the Commission on behalf of the Union does not intend to trigger the procedure laid out in Article 7(5) of the Agreement.

3. The EU-Qatar agreement was negotiated in full compliance with the negotiation mandate granted to the Commission by the Member States in Council. Negotiations were conducted in a fully transparent manner with the close involvement of representatives of Member States and stakeholders. The outcome of the negotiations was then endorsed unanimously by Member States and the agreement was signed by all Member States and the EU. There are at present no grounds to suspend its implementation.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2021/1920/oj/eng.