Civil aviation: Safety requirements and professional competence for cabin crews

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Highlighting that only 10% of air accidents occurred within the EU area whereas this region actually saw 30% of the world’s air traffic movements, Commissioner Kinnock shared the rapporteur’s view that the highest possible safety standards needed to be maintained and that the professional competence of cabin crew needed to be assured. As a result, he confirmed the goal of constantly reducing the accident risk threshold until this was as close to zero as possible. While welcoming the report in question, Mr Kinnock said that he could accept only Amendments Nos 4, 5 and 8 and rejected Amendments Nos 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9-12, 13, 14-17 and 18.