Air transport safety, civil aviation: prevention of accidents, collect and dissemination of information

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution draft by Mr Gerard COLLINS (UEN, Ire) on the common position for adopting a European Parliament and Council directive on occurrence reporting in civil aviation. Amendments made by the Parliament include the insertion of a new Article 8 (2a) which states that Member States shall refrain from instituting proceedings in respect of unpremeditated or inadvertent breaches of the law, which come to their attention only because they have been reported under the national mandatory occurrence-reporting scheme, except in cases of gross negligence. As regards the issue of confidential reporting, the Parliament has reinstated this Article (now Article 8a) that stipulates that Member States shall adapt their laws, regulations and administrative provisions to permit the disidentification of voluntary reports of non-reportable occurrences by bodies created to collect, analyse and disseminate to parties able to use it for improving safety, information on observed deficiencies in the aviation system perceived by the reporter as an actual or potential hazard.