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WRITTEN QUESTION by Luciana Sbarbati (ALDE) to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of 112 as the single European emergency telephone number  
Answer(s)

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