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## COMMISSION TELLS PARLIAMENT THERE'S NO REASON TO SCRAP EU-QATAR AVIATION DEAL

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Despite the Qatargate corruption scandal, the European Commission doesn't see any grounds to suspend the EU's aviation agreement with Qatar, a senior DG MOVE official told a European Parliament committee on Tuesday.

The scandal has brought attention to the deal, which grants Qatari airlines greater access to the European market. The pact is in force while it's being ratified by member countries, but MEPs voted last month to pause any legislation related to the Arab state while investigations into possible corruption are ongoing.

Carlos Bermejo Acosta, a deputy director general at the Commission, said there was no reason to suspend the provisional application of the deal.

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