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Dear Dr. Singh,

I have taken cognisance of these unfortunate events and we have received information from our Italian colleagues on the matter. Airport authorities in all Member States of the European Union are regularly reminded of procedures to be followed when conducting security checks.

The EU is very sensitive to the Sikh community's concerns as was expressed during the July 2012 Foreign Policy Consultations and other high-level bilateral meetings. I would however like to recall that no passenger is ever singled out based on his ethnic, religious or cultural background.

As you are aware, the EU has recently amended its implementing legislation to use less intrusive means of search such as the Explosive Trace Detection and the Hand Held Metal Detection equipments. These methods, however, as of now, can only be used in cases where the screener considers a hand search of a given part of the body to be inefficient or undesirable.

I hope, however, that further technical innovations along with our mutual understanding will soon definitely solve this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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