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Member of the European Parliament

Mr Anrijs Matīss, Minister of Transport  
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Strasbourg, 17th of December 2014

Dear Minister Matīss,

Aviation in Europe is the significant catalyst to boost growth and jobs. Including the impacts of aviation-enabled tourism, aviation supports almost 8 million jobs and represents around 500 million Euros of the EU GDP.

Boosting growth and jobs is the top priority of the new European Commission and the Aviation-related legislation is critical for the cost-efficiency that it can bring as an extra added-value to the existing proposals and future projects. It is therefore of utmost importance to continue and to positively solve the negotiations on all the legislative files concerning the aviation sector.

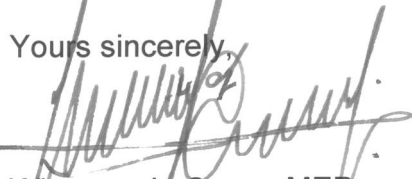
As the Italian Presidency already started, the EPP Transport Group would like to kindly ask you to keep up the good work and continue to encourage Member States to agree with the proposed regulations on the Single European Sky 2+, with the aim of accelerating the reform of European air traffic control in order to meet the growing traffic demand anticipated in the years to come, as well as with the review of the Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 modifying the rules governing the European Agency for Aviation Safety.

The Latvian Presidency should attempt to finalise the negotiations for the agreements on the air passenger rights package, on the pertinent Regulations included in the Airport Package (on ground-handling services and the allocation of time slots), and the Directive on aviation security charges.

The European Aviation Sector needs improvement and investments as it is related with all the significant sectors that could enhance growth and smart development (research and development, innovation, digital market, tackling climate change) thus creating smart and sustainable additional jobs.

Consequently, the realization of the agreements on the Aviation files and the swift implementation of the proposed legislation are of the outmost importance not only for the future of one industry and one socio-economical sector, but for the entire EU community, as well as for a better cooperation with the EU external partners.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wim van de Camp', is written over a horizontal line.

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C.c.: Mrs Violeta Bulc, Transport Commissioner