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Subject: Summer 2021 slots and WASB recommendation

Dear [REDACTED], Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your emails of 3 and 7 December 2020, concerning the Worldwide Airport Slot Board's recommendation for a slots relief package for the summer 2021 scheduling season.

As you are aware, the Commission adopted its proposal for a Regulation amending the Slots Regulation (Slot Relief) on 16 December. The objective of the Slot Relief is to ensure the efficient use of airport capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery. The proposal includes a number of important pro-competitive conditions that have been called for by stakeholders and result from the Commission's own assessment.

The Commission's proposal puts forward a balanced approach that, on the one hand, takes into account the continuing impact of COVID-19 on air traffic and, on the other hand, ensures the most efficient use of airport capacity for connectivity during the recovery phase.

I take note that ACI EUROPE, IATA and EUACA fully support the WASB recommendations. These recommendations are an important industry voice. The Commission has considered the industry position in detail and notes that many key aspects of its proposal are consistent with the WASB recommendations. I understand that, in the meantime, you had already a meeting with Filip Cornelis and his team on 14 December to discuss the Commission's stance on the WASB recommendations.

I am grateful for your continuing support, openness and engagement. With the file now in the hands of the European Parliament and the Council, I count on your constructive approach and continuing cooperation.

I should be very grateful for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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