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Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for the letter of 2 August 2013 sent by Mr. [REDACTED], Deputy Administrator, and for the ideas on how to take forward the various elements of our aviation cooperation that we addressed during our very constructive discussions when I came to Beijing last May.

This initiative from the CAAC to elaborate in more detail the approach towards a more ambitious and comprehensive agenda for China-EU aviation cooperation is most welcome and I would certainly be happy to host a high-level meeting in Brussels on 23 August. Unfortunately, Mr Kallas, Vice-President of the European Commission, will not be available to meet with you on this occasion since he will not be in Brussels. It would be a pleasure for me to chair the meeting together with Mr. [REDACTED], Director-General of the Directorate-General for Climate Action. A senior member of the private office of Mr Kallas will also participate.

A preparatory meeting or meetings at technical level could also be held on 20 and 21 August. Concerning a meeting with the five EU Member States (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands), which are administering the ETS for Chinese aircraft operators, the European Commission discussed this with the Member States concerned and agreed that we need more information from your side on the precise agenda for this meeting. Such additional information is necessary so that this meeting can be held in an efficient manner.

The European Commission would coordinate and host all these meetings in Brussels and would also attend any meeting with the Member States.

At this stage, we suggest three principal topics of discussion to structure the agenda for the high-level meeting:

1. ICAO Assembly and Market-Based Measures (MBMs)
2. Compliance of Chinese airlines with the EU-ETS
3. Roadmap for strengthened relations and cooperation in the field of aviation
 - a. Restoring legal certainty to bilateral air services agreements (EU designation);

- b. Scope for technical cooperation;
- c. Exploring a possible EU-China comprehensive agreement.

You will recall that during my visit in May, we discussed the text of Letters of Intent, which could be further elaborated to address the topics referred to above. Both Mr [REDACTED] and I have the political authority to potentially sign such letters at the high-level meeting if this would be your intention.

With regard to the agenda, we would be most grateful if you could kindly provide us with more detailed information as soon as possible about your objectives and expectations for the high-level meeting, since I am sure you will understand that this is essential to facilitate effective preparation and positive results for the meeting itself. Especially, if it would be your intention to have Letters of Intent (or similar documents) signed during the meeting, we would appreciate to receive your comments/position on the drafts sent in advance of the meeting of 23 August.

I would therefore like to respond favourably to Mr [REDACTED]'s letter of 2 August and invite you and your staff to participate in the following meetings in Brussels:

- 20 August 2013: Possible meeting with Member States and the European Commission
- 21 August 2013: Possible preparatory meetings at technical level with the European Commission (DG Mobility and Transport and DG Climate Action)
- 23 August 2013: A high-level meeting on strategy for China-EU aviation cooperation.

If you could please provide the additional information requested as well as the confirmation of your attendance of these meetings, our staff could be in touch to further coordinate the necessary preparatory work. From our side Ms [REDACTED] (DG MOVE) [REDACTED] and Ms [REDACTED] (DG CLIMA) [REDACTED] will be co-ordinating the meetings.

We look forward to this opportunity to further develop aviation relations between China and the EU.

Yours sincerely,

p.o. [Signature]
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