



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans
Head of Cabinet

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter dated 14 January 2021 about the importance of level playing fields in aviation.

I share your positive assessment of the recent discussions with the aviation industry stakeholders. Let me emphasise once again that the European Green Deal is one of the cornerstones of the recovery from the

COVID-19 crisis. Despite the still ongoing pandemic, aviation, as other transport modes and all other sectors of the economy, will have to contribute to our climate targets and enhanced climate ambition for 2030. Therefore, I trust that you also see the need to contribute to the economy-wide action of the European Union. I take note of your preference for global solutions and agree that global actions for sustainable international aviation are desirable, as stated also in the 2030 Climate Target Plan adopted by the Commission.

During the revision of the EU regulatory framework, I can assure you that my services will put due attention to competition aspects when assessing the impacts of potential changes (a work already ongoing) and when proposing legislation.

I appreciate the specific topics mentioned in your letter and I look forward to continuing this constructive dialogue with the airline industry.

Yours faithfully,



Diederik Samsom

