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Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 20th September regarding the EU position for the ICAO Assembly. President Barroso has asked me to get back to you on this issue.

As you are aware, there were extensive discussions at a global level on aviation and climate change in the run up to the Assembly. The EU position for the Assembly was developed to respond to the outcome of this process and was agreed through the usual decision making channels for such matters.

The EU position for a way forward on national and regional measures does not have an automatic relationship to the way in which a global policy measure would be designed. Indeed, a global approach may be the best way to solve some of the most contentious issues that have arisen in the discussion on national and regional measures.

Throughout the ICAO negotiations the EU has consistently striven for an ambitious outcome that provides a meaningful solution to addressing the climate impacts of aviation. Our level of commitment and ambition are clear. At the same time it is important to recognise that the discussion at ICAO involves finding a way forward in a consensual manner among all ICAO States and that reaching agreement will ultimately require compromise by all concerned.

The NGO contribution to the ICAO process has been useful and as always the EU has consistently supported the inclusion of key stakeholders in the ICAO process. Your inputs into the discussions going forward will also be of benefit to the overall process.

Yours sincerely,

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