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Subject: Summer 2021 slots and WASB recommendation

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 11 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 2020. The proposal is now in the hands of the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council. I very much hope that the legislative process can conclude soon to give the aviation industry the much expected clarity.

The objective of the Slot Relief proposal 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 during the Commission's consultation process 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 of your support for the WASB recommendation. These recommendations are an important industry voice. The Commission has considered them in detail and many of the key elements of its proposal are consistent with the WASB recommendations.

I am grateful for your continuing support and openness. I count on your constructive engagement in ensuring that the aviation industry, on both sides of the Atlantic, can

benefit from the needed relaxation of the slot use rules that are also pro-competitive and ensure the efficient use of airport capacity.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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