

Brussels, 2 January 2020

Per email only

Mr Frans Timmermans
Vice President
European Commission

Re.: personal invitation to A4E CEO Steering Board meeting (Brussels, 03.03.2020)

Dear Mr. Vice President,

First of all, on behalf of Airlines for Europe (A4E), representing the interests of the European commercial airlines, I wish you and your colleagues the very best for 2020.

It is with great interest that A4E has been following the developments around the European Green Deal initiative. As before, A4E continues to be committed to working with the European Commission, the EU institutions and national governments to make aviation more efficient and to reduce its long-term environmental footprint. There is nothing more important to us than managing our business in a safe and sustainable manner. Indeed, our passengers expect nothing less from us, and the 5.5 million aviation workers across Europe are counting on us as well.

As a fast-growing sector, the European aviation industry does acknowledge that the latest scientific findings, as revealed by the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°, require us to step up our action and accelerate decarbonisation. Further to our sector's already challenging long-term goals, we are exploring ways to move faster on the decarbonisation of aviation for which it is essential for EU industry and the EU institutions to work in partnership. Some actors in the industry, including Europe's airports and some airlines, have already made commitments to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

On behalf of the A4E Steering Board, which consists of the CEOs of the A4E airline members, I have the pleasure to invite you as an honorary guest speaker to the A4E Steering Board meeting in Brussels on 3 March 2020 (tentative time slot: 09h15-10h15) to exchange views, in particular on the role of aviation in Europe's sustainability challenges.

I hope that you will be able to accept my invitation

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,