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Dear Filip, dear Gaëlle,

Confidentially, I wanted to share with you initial elements of the *Destination 2050* initiative. You will find them at the [following link](#) which has been made available temporarily for you before its actual publication on Thursday. As it is still work in progress, I will ask you not to share further.

As you know, the aviation industry is experiencing its worst crisis in modern history due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, as led by the EC, efforts to make Europe the world's first CO2 neutral continent by 2050 are only accelerating. This includes the decarbonization of European aviation.

Acknowledging its responsibilities, the aviation sector has worked for the past 1,5 years on a flagship sustainability initiative, "**Destination 2050 – A route to net zero European aviation**". It is driven by a new, independent report by the Dutch research consortium NLR/SEO which provides a path for meaningful CO2 emission reduction efforts from air transport. In an unprecedented move, leaders of Europe's aircraft, aerospace manufacturers, airlines, airports and air navigation service providers will present this week their joint long-term vision and announce concrete industry commitments and the actions required from policy makers to support the 2030 and 2050 climate goals.

What are these commitments?

- Reaching **net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 from all flights within and departing from the EU**. This means that by 2050, emissions from these flights will be reduced as much as possible, **with any residual emissions being removed from the atmosphere through negative emissions achieved through natural carbon sinks** (e.g., forests) **or dedicated technologies** (carbon capture and storage).
- Reducing net CO2 emissions from all flights within and departing from the **EU by 45% by 2030 compared** to the baseline. In 2030, net CO2 emissions from intra-EU flights would be reduced by **55%** compared to 1990 levels.
- Assessing the feasibility of making **2019 the peak year for absolute CO2 emissions**

from flights within and departing from the EU.

In the current crisis the industry is finding itself, the strategic significance of such commitments cannot be underestimated. It is the result of long (and should I say difficult) discussions in the industry.

Yet, this is the sector's best response and contribution to the European Green Deal. The task and efforts needed to make this vision and reality are huge. There will be winners and there will be losers in the industry, in Europe and abroad. It will require investments, cooperation and legislations in ETS/CORSIA, SAFs, airspace, Hydrogen, aircrafts technology, just to name a few. Governments, the EU and ICAO have a big role to play to. It is this contribution from policy-makers we will seek to turn into action under a planned EU Pact for Sustainable Aviation put in place an enabling regulatory and financial framework for these commitments.

Pending the publication on 11 February, I hope this gives you at this stage enough material to be convinced of the importance for Ms Valean to join Mr Canfin, Mr Marinescu, the PT Presidency of the Council and the industry CEOs on 25 February.

For more information, please see attached:

- The full Destination 2050 report
- Our joint press release
- Our related industry Commitments

All materials are embargoed until our launch on 11 Feb. at 09:00 CET.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate if you have any questions.

Best,

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Dear Filip, dear Gaëlle,

As discussed earlier on the phone, I wanted to explore with you how to best involve yourselves and the Commissioner on the "[Destination 2050 - A Route to Net Zero European Aviation](#)" project, which the European aviation industry (airlines, manufacturers, airports and traffic controllers) are launching this month. Destination 2050 is the European aviation's response to the Green Deal and our joint contribution to the European climate effort.

A media launch has been planned for **11 February**. It will be followed by a policy event

on **25 February** to be attended by our CEOs, as well as Mssr Marinescu and Canfin from the EP. EVP Timmermans is still tbc and we would like to explore whether the Commissioner would be available to join the policy exchange on that day.

As a starting point, I wanted to see whether you would have time in the next days for a briefing on the project, which consists of a Roadmap, but also of industry commitments on the matter

Best,

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