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On 27 September 2012, Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Transport, gave a press conference to set out an ambitious package of proposals to boost the international competitiveness of the EU's aviation industry by opening negotiations with key partners to access new business opportunities in the fast growing markets, developing new tools to fight unfair competition and creating the right regulatory conditions to stimulate investment.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Arrival of Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Transport	00:00:05
10:00:10	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): The European aviation industry has been hard hit by the recession and as if that was not enough, global aviation is changing dramatically. Half of the world's new traffic added during the next 20 years will be to, from, or within the Asia-Pacific region. EU carriers face the prospect of low growth rates and loosing market share to non EU airlines in most regions. We need to respond.	00:00:33
10:00:43	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03
10:00:47	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): We are proposing actions in three key areas; First, new agreements with our internal partners; We need to give our airlines access to the new fast growing markets and we need to get away from the old bilateral system of negotiations; So, we are proposing to conclude new EU level agreements with key partners such as China, Russia, the Golf States, Japan, India and the Asian countries in South East Asia.	00:00:36
10:01:23	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03

10:01:27	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): We also want to conclude by 2015 EU-level agreements with neighbouring countries such as Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Tunisia, Turkey and Egypt; The total economic benefit of all this could be up to 12 billion Euros a year; opportunity that Europe cannot afford to miss.	00:00:25
10:01:52	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03
10:01:56	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): We need competition which is open and fair; We are proposing to strengthen existing instruments to protect European interests against unfair practises such as illegal state subsidies and other anti competitive or unfair practises; Finally we need to tackle the archaic ownership and control restrictions in many countries which prevent airlines from consolidating and attracting the investment they need.	00:00:32
10:02:28	Departure of Siim Kallas	00:00:09

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