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Subject: Invitation to a meeting of the National Enforcement Body Task Force on "Extraordinary Circumstances" to be held in Brussels on 15 January 2013

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was agreed at the National Enforcement Body network meeting for Regulation (EC) 261/2004 held on 31 May 2012 that a task force of NEBS be formed to assist in the development of a list of possible situations that might, or might not, meet the "extraordinary circumstances" test contained within Regulation (EC) 261/2004. The aim in developing this list would be provide transparency for passengers and industry on the application of the "extraordinary circumstances" test, and thereby to assist NEBs in the consistent and uniform implementation and enforcement of the Regulation across the European Union.

The NEB network resolved that this task force, initially comprising Eire, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, would develop a list on its behalf for submission to the European Commission. Once the preparatory work of this task force is completed, the Commission will arrange a full NEB network meeting at which a consolidated draft will be submitted for discussion and approval.

The European Commission proposes to organise a meeting of this expert group which has been provisionally arranged to take place in **Brussels on 15 January 2013 from 09h 30 to 16h 00**. We will be in a position to confirm the final date and arrangements for this meeting shortly.

Travelling expenses for the representatives to this expert group will be met by the Commission within the limits of its rules i.e. one expert per Member State. Details on how to obtain reimbursement for travelling expenses will be sent to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,


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