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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Chambre des Représentants for its Opinion concerning the Proposal for a Regulation on occurrence reporting in civil aviation {COM(2012) 776 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Chambre des Représentants' position about the importance of analysing and following up occurrences in order to contribute to aviation safety. Articles 13 and 14 of the Proposal include provisions ensuring that occurrences are analysed and that follow up actions are taken where appropriate both at national and at European level.

With regards to the impacts of the Commission proposal, including economic impacts, they have been assessed in the Impact Assessment accompanying the Proposal (SWD(2012)41 part 1 and 2).

The Commission shares the Chambre des Représentants' view on the necessity to include in the Regulation a detailed definition of "gross negligence" as it is included in Article 2(4) of the Proposal. The Commission believes that such a definition would contribute to clarify the rules related to the protection of occurrences' reporter, improve the implementation of the "Just Culture" principles and allow a harmonised implementation of the Regulation across Member States through a common understanding of the rules related to the protection of aviation professionals.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Chambre des Représentants and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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