



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Kamra tad-Deputati for its Reasoned Opinion concerning the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 in the field of aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services {COM (2013) 409 final}.*

*The Kamra tad-Deputati considers that the Commission has breached the principle of subsidiarity, because it has made its proposal concerning Functional Airspace Blocks (FABs) without allowing for previous EU measures to take effect and without presenting a safety case.*

*Having examined the Reasoned Opinion, the Commission would like to remark that the issue of FABs is not part of the Commission proposal COM (2013) 409 final. Issues related to FABs are addressed in another Commission proposal {COM (2013) 410 final}. As the Maltese Parliament has also issued a separate Reasoned Opinion on that proposal, the Commission has addressed the FAB question in the reply to the latter Reasoned Opinion.*

*The Commission hopes that the clarifications given in the above-mentioned reply will address the issues raised by the Kamra tad-Deputati and looks forward to continuing this political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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