

SEJM OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN Agnieszka Pomaska

Mr
Eamon Gilmore
Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign
Affairs and Trade
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Dear Prime Minister,

I hereby enclose European Union Affairs Committee's opinion No. 31 on the *Proposal for* a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 concerning the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail (COM(2013) 28 final) adopted on the 134th Committee's meeting on 21st of March 2013.

Hours sincerely,

Aguiente Pomesteu

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of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland on the

"Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 concerning the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail

(COM(2013) 28 final)"

adopted at the 134th meeting on 21 March 2013

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Seim of the Republic of Poland:

- Supports the Government's critical comments on the "Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 concerning the opening of the market for domestic passenger transport services by rail (COM(2013) 28 final)";
- 2. Notes that the following specific changes should be made to the draft Regulation in the course of further work:
 - provide for appropriate sanctions in Article 7 (1) with regard to the ex post publication obligations,
 - make changes concerning the transfer of employees and possible routes, the minimum period between the conclusion of a contract and the commencement of transport services as well as non-discriminatory access to rolling stock and the limitation of the size of a tendering package.

Chair of the Committee

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