



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion concerning the communication "Accelerating the implementation of the Single European Sky" {COM(2013) 408}, the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 in the field of aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services {COM(2013) 409} and the proposal for a Regulation on the implementation of the Single European Sky {COM(2013) 410}.

As regards the concerns expressed by the Assembleia da República on the subsidiarity aspects, the Commission would like to recall that neither the use of the word "single" nor any of the specific provisions in the initiative refer to the creation of a single air navigation service provider in Europe. The proposal would allow for a multitude of providers to continue to provide services, and seeks to establish a harmonised operating environment for the aircraft flying in the EU, in order to reduce costs and increase safety.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the comments and concerns raised in the Opinion submitted by the Assembleia da República and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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