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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera Deputaților for its Opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part {COM(2018) 495 final}.

The Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Common Aviation Area Agreement with Georgia in accordance with the Council Decision authorising it to open negotiations. It is part of the European Union's neighbourhood policy to replace this network of bilateral agreements through the establishment of a Common Aviation Area between the European Union and its neighbours. The Agreement aims at gradual market opening in terms of access to routes and capacity on a reciprocal basis; non-discrimination and level playing field for economic operators based on the principles of the European Union Treaties; as well as alignment of the Georgian aviation legislation with European legislation on issues such as safety, security and air traffic management.

The Agreement was signed on 2 December 2010. As regards the European Union side, both the Union and its Member States are parties to this Agreement. The ratification process has been completed by all Member States on 9 February 2017. The Agreement should now be approved on behalf of the Union.

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The Commission welcomes the Camera Deputaților's support to the conclusion of the Agreement and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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