EUROPEAN COMMISSION



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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 the Republic of Moldova, of the other part {COM(2019) 568 final}.

The Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Common Aviation Area Agreement with Moldova in accordance with the Council Decision authorising it to open negotiations. It is part of the EU neighbourhood policy to replace the network of bilateral agreements between Moldova and EU Member States through the establishment of a Common Aviation Area between the EU and its neighbours. The Agreement therefore 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 EU Treaties; as well as alignment of the Moldovan aviation legislation with EU legislation on issues such as safety, security and air traffic management.

As regards the EU side, both the Union and its Member States are parties to this Agreement. The ratification process has been completed by all Member States and the Agreement was approved on behalf of the Union on 26 June 2020.

The Commission welcomes the support and involvement of the Camera Deputaților in this process and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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