



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 06.07.2015
C(2015) 4424 final

Dear Chairman,

The Commission would like to thank the House of Lords for its opinion "Civilian Use of Drones in the EU" that was prompted by the Commission Communication on "A new era for aviation – Opening the aviation market to the civil use of remotely piloted aircraft systems in a safe and sustainable manner" {COM(2014) 207 final}.

The House of Lords' opinion is most useful and addresses all the relevant issues for opening the market for drone services in a detailed and open way. The opinion will become an important reference for all policy makers, including the Commission.

The Commission appreciates in particular the support expressed by the House of Lords for the Commission's initiative to create an internal market for drone services. The Commission services are considering the various options to deliver a sound regulatory framework which will strike the right balance between promoting innovative drone technologies and protecting the fundamental rights of European citizens. The framework will also involve a strong partnership between European and national regulators.

The Commission is working towards bringing forward concrete proposals before the end of this year and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

*Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President*

*Violeta Bulc
Member of the Commission*

*Lord BOSWELL
Chairman of the European
Union Select Committee
House of Lords
Palace of Westminster
UK - London SW1A 0PW*