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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of Ukraine International Airlines let me present you my sincere compliments and deep respect to the European Commission. I'm addressing you with an issue of the highest importance to Ukraine, Ukrainian air carriers, and passengers.

As the Ukrainian flag carrier and member of IATA and Association of European Airlines (AEA), Ukraine International Airlines (UIA) is concerned with the fact that the Agreement on Common Aviation Area between Ukraine and the European Union is still not concluded. Currently, the case of Gibraltar-related wording is the only impediment from EU side to the Agreement conclusion, while it seems there are no barriers on the part of Ukraine.

The Agreement on Common Aviation Area between Ukraine and the EU will boost numerous improvements in aviation rules and standards in Ukraine, will open further market opportunities and economic benefits on both sides, will remove most of remaining limitations between Ukraine and the EU in air transportations, as well as establish free and fair competition.

Moreover, Ukraine's accession to Common Aviation Area will help realize the country's aviation potential, exploit transit opportunities, encourage Ukraine's carriers to raise operational safety, quality and service standards, facilitate the development of airlines and the consolidation of the sector, bring new opportunities for consumers.

As the leading Ukraine's carrier, Ukraine International Airlines ask the European Commission to make a strong contribution to accelerate the process and commence as soon as possible the conclusion procedure for the Common Aviation Area Agreement.

Beyond that, liberalization of air traffic between Ukraine and the East is of critical importance to further development of our country's transit potential. Therefore, UIA encourages the Commission to join the efforts of Ukrainian aviation authorities and help gain access to the overregulated eastern markets. It will allow gradually opening the respective aviation markets and expanding flight opportunities between Europe and Asia.

We hope for your cooperation, assistance, and contribution!

Yours faithfully,

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