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Social dimension in the Aviation sector

– Information from The Netherlands

Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by The Netherlands on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 8 June 2017.

TTE (transport) Council on 8 June 2017

**AOB from The Netherlands on the
Social dimension in the Aviation sector**

In the European Aviation strategy, a paragraph is dedicated to the social dimension in the aviation sector. It says: “New business and employment models have emerged, such as the multiplication of operational bases, the recruitment of air crews through agencies, new atypical forms of employment or pay-to-fly schemes for flight crew. Continuous monitoring and regular exchange of information between the Commission, Member States and interested parties could also contribute to a better understanding of these new trends and ensure fair working conditions in the sector.”

The Netherlands would like to thank the Commission for its good work in this field in the past couple of years. The social dimension in aviation is an important topic in the ever changing world of aviation.

The Netherlands welcomes these emerging business and employment models as they open up new opportunities for our economy. At the same time the social dimension requires our ongoing attention. Abuse should be made visible so we can counteract in order to reach a level playing field and create fair working conditions. The EU as a whole should work together to identify undesirable effects and consequently act on them.

The Netherlands is of the opinion that ‘pay to fly’-arrangements and the role of private employment agencies merit further assessment in this light.

We therefore would kindly invite the Commission to indicate how we can keep moving forward and take the lead on investigating the social dimension of aviation in the light of the development of new business and employment models.
