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– Information from the Dutch delegation

Delegations will find annexed information from the Dutch delegation on the above-mentioned subject.

Information note by the Dutch delegation on Air transport and the social dimension

The social dimension in the air transport sector has recently received increasing attention from various parties, such as unions and the aviation industry. The debate mainly concerns the use of non-EU labour, possible loss of employment and fair competition.

As new business models are being considered, the Netherlands believes it is urgent and expedient that the technical and legal aspects of such developments are properly discussed at EU level.

The recent discussion of this issue at the meeting of the European Directors General of Civil Aviation (EU DGCA) on 2 June 2014 was timely and most welcome. The Netherlands is equally pleased with the initiative of the European Commission to dedicate ample time to these issues in the next meeting of the Market Access Committee on 11 June 2014.

Netherlands believes further discussions at the technical level will be needed shortly to share experiences between Member States, to collect facts and figures and to identify possible risks and assess the legal situation.

In view of the above, the Netherlands would like to request the European Commission to follow up the highly welcome initiatives it has already undertaken with a clear time table for further discussions concerning the social dimension in the air transport sector.