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## Subject: Aircraft Cabin Air Quality

Dear Mr Coates, Dear Mr Loraine, Dear Mr Gauthier,

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2023 by which you convey some comments expressed by your respective organisations on the answer provided by the European Commission to the Parliamentary Question E-004009/2022<sup>1</sup>. Commissioner Vălean asked me to reply to you on her behalf.

The complexity of the phenomena leading to a possible temporary deterioration of Aircraft Cabin Air Quality (CAQ), the inherent difficulties of collecting data involving human beings, as well as the existence of many contrasting scientific and technical opinions on this subject, make the task of gathering conclusive evidence a complex and demanding challenge. CAQ is and remains to this day a subject of divergent opinions and your letter once again perfectly reflects that.

We all focus on the shared goals of ensuring the well-being of passengers and air crews and of fostering a safe and health aviation environment and I am confident that engaging

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Question for written answer submitted on 8.12.2022 by Mr João Pimenta Lopes

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in a respectful and constructive dialogue between the different stakeholders is the best way forward to achieve these goals.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) assists the European Commission in the technical area and devotes a considerable amount of attention and effort to the topic of CAQ. In its capacity as contract authority of the CAQ Assessment Project of long-term effects of contaminants, EASA is the privileged interlocutor for an in-depth discussion at technical level. Therefore, I invite you to provide EASA with all the relevant information on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

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