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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| Subject: | Amended Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Single European Sky<br>Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 as regards the capacity of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency to act as Performance Review Body of the Single European Sky<br>• Joint Statement by Ireland, Finland and Malta to be included in the Minutes of the TTE (Transport) Council on 5 December |

Delegations will find attached a joint statement by Ireland, Finland and Malta to be included in the Minutes of the TTE (Transport) Council on 5 December.

**ANNEX**

**Joint Statement on Single European Sky 2+ Package**

**Joint Statement by Ireland, Finland and Malta**

**To be included in the Minutes of the TTE (Transport) Council on 5 December**

Ireland, Finland, Malta are in favour of an ambitious approach to SES2+ and strongly support an agreement on this file next year that equips European ATM for the future.

We would like to thank the Czech Presidency for its tireless work on this file and to commend the Presidency for advancing the file during the last six months.

We are conscious that the SES2+ file has been a long and difficult process and that on many key issues the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament have substantially differing views and positions. We are also conscious that we have very little time left to agree on this file before it expires next year.

Therefore, we are disappointed that agreement could not be found at COREPER last week on a Chapter Four text for trilogue. We believe that a strong role for the Network Manager and an enhanced role for the Performance Review Body are important for the modernisation of European airspace.

Therefore, we urge Member States, the Commission and Parliament to find common ground on the outstanding issues as a matter of priority over the coming months. We are convinced a mutually agreeable position can be found.

As we emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic this year, we saw a significant (and welcome) return of air travel. This put a lot of pressure on ATM services and airports across the Union. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has seen further pressure being put on Air Traffic Management across the EU but in particular in Central and Eastern Europe.

These crises have underlined the importance of advancing this file. SES2+ can help us further improve the efficiency and capacity across the European Network. Crucially, SES can also help us reduce aviation emissions.

Under the Czech Presidency and previous presidencies, we have seen the progress that can be made when a concerted effort is made to progress this file. We urge the incoming Swedish Presidency to continue the good work of the Czech Presidency and maintain the momentum on this file.

Ireland, Finland, Malta stand ready to engage with our Member State colleague, the Commission and the Parliament in order to maintain the progress on this file over the coming months.