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Subject: Question for oral answer on decent working and employment conditions in the aviation sector.

Dear President Sassoli,

On behalf of EurECCA, the European Cabin Crew Association, we would like to support the Parliament's question for an oral answer on decent working and employment conditions in the aviation sector, that was adopted by the EMPL Committee on 18 March.

Aviation has seen an almost unprecedented competition in recent years, putting great strain on all aspects of an aircraft operation. Business models are constantly changing, new ones emerge, and as a part of this, circumvention of applicable social law and the disrespect of social rights are potential distorters to fair competition.

The use of fake or fictitious home bases, the misuse or fraud of social security certificates, the use of bogus self-employment and legal uncertainty regarding applicable law to workers are typical examples of such practices. Moreover, third country carriers operating to the EU should also adhere to a specified minimum of social standards, to ensure a level playing field.

The possible adoptions of new regulations at EU level must provide airlines with an unambiguous regulatory framework to avoid the misuse of loopholes in EU law to ensure fair competition and equal social standards. Therefore, EurECCA urges the EU to ensure a level playing field applicable to all airlines and workers operating into the EU, in line with EU standards. Something which is especially important in view of the challenges the EU aviation industry is facing as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the efforts being made to combat the economic and social impact of the crisis.

In this context, the Parliaments' oral question will allow for a much-needed discussion during the Plenary session to address social matters in the aviation sector. EurECCA therefore urges the Conference of Presidents to table the Parliament's oral question for debate in the upcoming Plenary session.

We remain at your disposal in case you have any questions or require more information.

Kind regards,

Annette Groeneveld
President



Xavier Gautier
Secretary General



About EurECCA

Established in Brussels in 2014, the European Cabin Crew Association, EurECCA, represents, protects and develops the rights and needs of cabin crew all over Europe. It is composed of cabin crew unions from European Union Member States as well as accession and bordering states, and represents some 33,000 cabin crew accounting for 70% of all organised cabin crew in Europe. EurECCA has no political connections.

EurECCA's work is mainly around cabin crew and passenger safety and cabin crew health and work and living conditions

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