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Dear Mr. García,

Thank you for your letter in which you share the views of a number of aviation stakeholders involved in the “WE ARE ALL ONE IN THE SKY” initiative regarding the proposed regulatory framework for U-space, submitted on 13 March 2020 by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

First of all, I welcome your support for the development of a regulatory framework for the U-space airspace. By taking this initiative, the Commission and EASA aim to facilitate the safe integration of drones into the Single European Sky, while also ensuring that commercial drone services can grow to the benefit of the overall economy and European citizens. At the same time, our goal is to safeguard the current high safety levels for airspace users and people on the ground.

With regard to your comments on transparency and the need for consultation, I would like to underline that prior to the adoption of its opinion, EASA held wide-ranging consultations with all stakeholders. Already in July 2019, the Agency organised a focused consultation to receive feedback on its very first draft of the regulation. Furthermore, a dedicated workshop was held on 11 October 2019 with the drone community to discuss the draft regulation. Overall, more than 2 500 comments were received on the draft Opinion from interested parties, including industry, NAAs, local authorities and aviation associations. EASA reviewed these comments and provided responses to them in the

Appendix to the Opinion. In addition, all interested parties were formally consulted by EASA through its Advisory Bodies. The final text of this Opinion and the draft regulation have been developed by EASA, following a timetable agreed with the Commission and in discussion with the responsible services of the European Commission, but also with representatives from SESAR JU, EUROCONTROL and several Member States.

The text proposed by EASA will now be used by the Commission as a basis for its proposal of a draft implementing act to be discussed within the EASA Committee in the coming months. During these discussions, there will be further opportunities for stakeholders to provide views and comments regarding the requirements linked to the creation of a U-space airspace, whether to the Commission's services, the Agency or to Member States.

My services wish to organise further meetings of the Informal Drone Experts Group, which includes many of the organisations which are part of the "WE ARE ALL ONE IN THE SKY" initiative. I encourage you to continue this dialogue within this forum, which will meet again soon.

Yours faithfully,



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