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Subject Temporary alleviation of financial obligations for airlines under Regulation 261/2004

Dear Ms. Vălean,

The European aviation sector is facing challenging times due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Bookings have decreased significantly in the whole EU. As a result, aircraft and crew are underutilized, and the influx of cash for airlines is declining. This will very soon lead to liquidity problems for airlines. BRW

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Yours sincerely,

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