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Subject: Reply to letter on the SES Reform and the role of the roadmap on the human dimension of the SES

Dear President, Dear Volker,
Dear General Secretary, Dear Livia,

Dear Volker, Dear Livia

Thank you for your letter of 21 February 2020 referring to the Roadmap on Social and Human Dimension of the Single European Sky.

The Commission is indeed content that you, together with other social partners and professional associations, have accepted the offer to engage in the process of preparing the Roadmap, which – as you know – was recommended by the Wise Persons Group in April 2019.

The Commission immediately followed-up on this important recommendation, which was endorsed at the high-level Conference on the Future of the SES on 12 September 2019, through a joint declaration, which was co-signed by your organisations. Moreover, the Commission launched a study on Human issues and Working Conditions for ATCO's and ATSEPT's, to provide factual input to the Roadmap.

As regards SES reform, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Commission is intending to adopt an **amended SES2+ proposal**, which is scheduled for Spring 2020. This amended proposal will pursue the same objectives as the initial proposal in 2013, and it will address the main sticking points of the past political discussions, among others the mandatory unbundling of data services.

The Roadmap will be particularly useful in accompanying the implementation of SES and the amended SES2+ proposal. For that same reason, the Commission have consistently insisted on the Roadmap being an iterative process, which should evolve over time. The same was suggested by ASPReT in the Guidance Document on 'ATM Social and Human Dimension Roadmap' presented during the Kick-off ATM workshop (5-6 February 2020):

"This Roadmap is intended as a living document that will be fed by new ideas as they arise or to overcome difficulties in implementations as they are identified. The first version of the Roadmap is planned for July 2020. This will cover, as a minimum, key topics that are linked to the reform of the Single European Sky regulatory framework. Future development of the Roadmap will expand it to cover the needs of other stakeholders and be based on an agreed long-term vision for SES".

As such, I do not see a conflict in terms of timing between the amended SES2+ proposal and the Roadmap. Rather, there is an important complementarity between the two elements, which we should continue to build on over time, like it is the case with the ATM Master Plan.

It would be a pleasure for me to meet you and discuss these matters in more detail. Should this be difficult for agenda planning reasons, Filip Cornelis and Christine Berg are at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Henrik HOLOLEI