## Chief Executive's Office



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Dear Mr Robinson,

Continued Participation of the United Kingdom in the agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Community and Canada after withdrawal from the European Union

I am sending you this letter to provide you and your partners in the aviation industry some clarity over the current state of affairs between the European Union ("EU") and the United Kingdom ("UK").

On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 the UK served a notice of withdrawal on the EU. As reflected in the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement at Articles 7 and 127, the EU aviation acquis will apply to the UK until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 (this timeframe is known as the transition period). The UK Civil Aviation Authority will therefore be obliged to apply Union Law until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement, which is presently in effect, also provides that any international agreement concluded by the EU, such as the agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Community and Canada ("Canada-EU Aviation Safety Agreement") originally signed on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and subsequently updated, will continue to apply to the UK<sup>1</sup>.

This letter confirms the Civil Aviation Directorate of the Department of Transport of Canada ("TCCA") that the UK Civil Aviation Authority will adhere to the obligations and procedures of EU Member States as delineated in the Canada-EU Aviation Safety Agreement and its Annexes so that aviation services and flows of products between the two nations can continue uninterrupted at least until the end of the transition period.

I can confirm that the UK Civil Aviation Authority looks forward to further developing cooperation between it and the TCCA to further our mutual interests in promoting sustainable and safe aviation.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the definition of "Union Law" at Article 2(a)(iv), in Article 4(1) and Article 129(1) of the Withdrawal Agreement