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Ms Violeta Bulc
Commissioner, European Commission
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Belgium

Re: Finalisation of the Drone Outlook Study

Dear Ms Bulc:

The Drone Alliance Europe (DAE), a coalition of the leading technology companies seeking to expedite the safe and widespread integration of commercial drones into European airspace, writes to respectfully request your support in urging the finalisation of the Drone Outlook Study initiated by SESAR Joint Undertaking (SJU) in late 2015.

The SJU initiated the Drone Outlook Study to “urgently act at all levels in order to boost and integrate Research and Innovation forces in Europe to leverage the broad range of industrial opportunities linked to drone integration in the aviation industry.” The SJU developed a project management plan and established reference groups to solicit input from relevant policy leaders, aviation stakeholders, and innovation leaders concerning the proper framework for integration. The DAE and a number of our members contributed to that work.

The stakeholders were charged with: studying the potential economic impact of greater drone integration, identifying research and development gaps, and benchmarking Europe’s competitive environment with those of other regions around the globe. The output of the study is intended to include actionable, near-term recommendations and a technological roadmap. We support these goals.

However, in order for this study to help all participants in this emerging market focus their efforts and continue to engage in constructive dialogue with policymakers on leveraging the range of opportunities drone integration represents, the study must be released as soon as possible. Consequently, we respectfully urge you to press for the finalisation of the Drone Outlook Study.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and DAE looks forward to working with you as we move forward to promote commercial drone opportunities throughout Europe.

Sincerely,



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