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Dear Vice-President Kallas,

As you are well aware, flight time regulation and flight safety is a major concern for the Danish Government as well as the Danish Parliament.

In this regard, I write to inform you that the Danish Airline Pilots Organization (DALPA) very recently has carried out a study among its members. Although the study admittedly suffers from certain insufficiencies, I believe it sends the message that fatigue amongst pilots seems to be a more widespread problem than we have been aware of before.

I have enclosed the study for your information and further examination. Based on this study and because I am of the opinion that we must never jeopardize flight safety, it is my strong conviction that the EU-flight time regulation should not be revised until such revisions are based on thoroughly scientific evaluations by the appropriate experts and authorities.

I have sent a copy of this letter to my Trio Presidency colleagues in Poland and Cyprus.

Yours sincerely,

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