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The Acting Head of Unit

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**Subject: Validation of Airline Pilot Licences in Latvia**

Dear Mr Chalk,  
Dear Mr von Schoeppenthau,

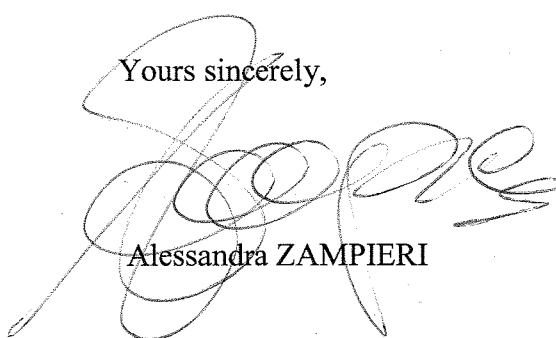
Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2009 addressed to Mr Onidi, concerning the validation of pilot licences in Latvia, which I have read with great attention.

Both the occurrence of social dumping and the use of flags of convenience are not desirable practices in the European Union and existing legislation serves to ensure that these practices are prevented from happening.

To this end, I would like to assure you that my services will investigate this issue further. As you rightly pointed out, article 4(5) and article 6 of the *Council Directive 91/670/EEC of 16 December 1991 on mutual acceptance of personnel licences for the exercise of functions in civil aviation* would seem to apply to this case.

Consequently, my services will contact the relevant Latvian authorities to ensure that the principles and rules contained in this Directive as well as under Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (EU-OPS) are being correctly applied. We will keep you informed as to the outcome of our dialogue.

Yours sincerely,



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