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Your Excellency,

I am writing on behalf of the Transport Committee to invite you to give evidence in relation to an oral evidence session we are holding on international aviation law.

We are seeking an urgent explanation for Ryanair flight 4978's diversion to Minsk on Sunday 23 May. In the oral evidence session, the Committee will examine the implications of this diversion for international aviation law. The Committee will assess the implications of this incident for international air safety and seek to determine whether this event was an act of air piracy.

The Committee is keen to hear Belarus' account of the events which unfolded on 23 May, leading to the diversion of Ryanair flight 4978, and give you the opportunity to present relevant evidence.

It would be helpful to have a response to this invitation at your earliest convenience. Committee staff will liaise with you on arrangements for the session, planned to be held on Tuesday 15 June, in the near future.

Best wishes,

Huw Merriman

Chair of the Transport Committee