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Dear Mr. Karl Wilfing

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2012 regarding the groundhandling proposal. I am aware of the concerns you raise in your letter and I agree with you that safety/security and employees' rights are very important issues.

During the negotiations of the proposal the Member States were very much aware of employees' rights in the event of transfer of staff. Concerns similar to those concerns you express in your letter were raised by Member States. It was important to the Presidency and the Member States that these concerns were addressed in the compromise proposal.

As you probably already know the Council adopted a general approach on the revised proposal at the Transport Council Meeting on 22 March 2012. I think it was a good compromise and we now have to hear what the European Parliament thinks about it.

Yours sincerely,

Henrik Dam Kristensen

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