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Minister of State
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Great Minster House
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Subject: Specific measures related to the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link

Dear Minister of State,

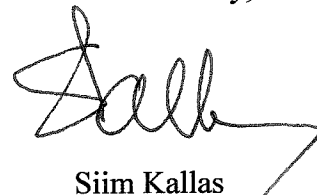
Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2014 outlining specific measures that the United Kingdom authorities intend to take to address the concerns expressed by the Commission in the Reasoned opinion sent on 20 June 2013¹. I take note that a new charging scheme for rail freight will be adopted and applied within two months by Eurotunnel, the infrastructure manager of the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link. Details of this new charging scheme have also been made available to the Commission services.

I would like to express my appreciation of the constructive approach that your Government has taken in these proceedings and welcome the commitments to adopt the measures in question with a view to address the Commission's concerns.

On that basis, no further steps will be taken in the present procedure pending the adoption of these new measures by the deadlines indicated by you.

In addition, as regards more particularly the grievances concerning the rail access charges and capacity allocation mentioned in sections 3.1.2 and 3.3 of the reasoned opinion, subject to the commitment regarding the rail access charges as referred to above being fully complied with and put into operation within the aforementioned deadline, I will propose to the Commission to reduce the scope of the infringement procedure to those grievances mentioned in sections 3.1.1 and 3.2 of the reasoned opinion.

Yours sincerely,



Siim Kallas

¹ Reasoned opinion concerning failures of implementation of the first railway package in relation to the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link (No 2011/2075).