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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 21 February regarding the UK – Montenegro Air Service Agreement.

I can confirm that the Welsh Government was not consulted on the negotiation process for air service agreements, as aviation policy is not devolved.

However, we agree that safe, secure and regulated air travel is essential and as such, support plans to ensure new bilateral arrangements are in place once the European Common Aviation Area Agreement ceases to apply to the UK on 31 March 2020.

Since Brexit, it is more vital than ever, that we maintain an open skies arrangement with our international partners and we believe this agreement supports that.

Yours sincerely,

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