

**Question for written answer E-014785/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Common Aviation Area Agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan

In its 2005 Communication on developing an EU external aviation policy, the Commission highlighted the importance of creating a common aviation area between the EU and its eastern and southern neighbours. The Council also supported the Commission's proposal in 2005. As early as in 2006, the Commission launched negotiations on a common aviation area with a large number of neighbouring countries.

In the Commission's 2011 Communication entitled 'The EU and its neighbouring regions: A renewed approach to transport cooperation', mention is once again made of the importance of integrating the aviation markets of the EU and its neighbouring countries with a view to ensuring safer, shorter and more efficient passenger transport and to facilitating the opening up of the market and the creation of common rules on aviation safety, air traffic management and social rights. The need to conclude a Common Aviation Area Agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan is given particular emphasis, given that country's geostrategic importance.

In light of the foregoing: what is the state of play with regard to the conclusion of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan?