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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Safety of Ryanair flights on Boeing 737-8 Max and 737-9 Max aircraft

Following the air accidents in Indonesia and Ethiopia, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has grounded, as a precautionary measure, all Boeing 737-8 Max and 737-9 Max aircraft. According to press reports, Ryanair, Europe's largest low-cost airline, has decided to rename its new Boeing 737 Maxes to avoid any negative reaction from passengers.

While we understand the commercial reasons for this, we wish to ask the Commission the following questions:

- (1) In the interests of passenger safety, how does the EASA intend to check that Ryanair does not operate its Boeing 737-8 Max and 737-9 Max aircraft without first making the necessary design alterations sanctioned by the relevant authorities?
- (2) In order to ensure that passengers are properly informed, should they be made aware that, despite the change of name, they are still flying on a Boeing 737-8 Max or 737-9 Max?
- (3) How can we check that crews of Boeing 737-8 Max and 737-9 Max aircraft have been properly trained in respect of the alterations made before the models can be brought back into service?