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**„Development of the draft agreement between the Russian Federation and EU regarding the land transportations in the case of air traffic disruptions“**

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Dear ladies and gentlemen!

The aviation authorities of the Russian Federation took a number of additional measures in order to secure flight safety during the active eruption of Eyjafjallajökull volcano.

We have arranged additional checks of aircrafts, attentively followed the information regarding the movement of ash cloud.

Low concentration of ash in the atmosphere and huge experience of flight organization in conditions of volcanic activities allowed not to close the air space of the Russian Federation.

Nevertheless, many passengers from the Russian Federation became stuck in airports of the European Union for a long time due to stop of air traffic.

The lack of mechanisms of organized transportation of delayed passengers and problems with getting visas for citizens of the Russian Federation have all made their negative contribution to this situation.

The measures developed at the conference will allow to lower the risks of air traffic stop due to volcanic activity.

But nevertheless the risks for passengers due to air traffic disruptions will remain. The representatives of the European Commission and IATA have already spoken about the importance of proper management of those risks.

In order to solve the problems of airline passengers in case of air traffic disruptions we think it is necessary to create mechanisms of organization of urgent land transportation of aircraft passengers if air traffic is disrupted.

Our proposal is addressed first of all to the European Union, but, considering the global character of the mentioned problems, we are ready to discuss the creation of relevant mechanisms in the global scale.

Thank you for your attention.