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## **Petition to European Parliament**

## To accelerate the signing of an agreement on the Common Aviation Area between the European Union and its member states and Ukraine

We, civil society representatives from the countries of Eastern Partnership, demand signing of an agreement on the Common Aviation Area between the European Union and its member states and Ukraine in the near future. Further postponing of the Agreement will hinder the usage of visa-free regime for Ukrainians and significantly limit the development of both Ukrainian and European air transport companies.

The agreement has been postponed by the European side because of not been agreed concerning the formulation of the article about the territorial application in terms of Gibraltar between Spain and the United Kingdom. In order, to resolve the issue we propose to exclude this paragraph from the agreement and shortly sign it.

The Common Aviation Area agreement between the European Union and its member states and Ukraine was initialled in Vilnius on 28 November, 2013. It promotes accessible international mobility for Ukrainian citizens as far as it provides availability for European companies to fly without restriction to any airport of Ukraine and Ukrainian carriers - to any airport of Europe. In particular, agreement will ensure free and fair competition and mutual market access to the air transport markets of both Ukraine and the EU member states. The deal will also strengthen flights safety and certification regulations.