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to the Commission
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Subject: Institutional agreement between the EU and Switzerland

Cooperation between the EU and Switzerland is based on 120 bilateral agreements which have been adopted at two points in time. The first package, which covers policies on aviation, agriculture and technical barriers to trade, was adopted in 2002, while the second package of bilateral agreements, which covers policies on Schengen, pensions, education and young people, was adopted in 2005.

Under the agreements, Switzerland was obliged to incorporate secondary EU law into its legislation, but no supranational body or court was founded to settle disputes. Instead, EU-Swiss sectoral bilateral committees meet once a year. In 2010, the Council and Parliament judged this legal arrangement to be too complicated.

In order to resolve these 'institutional issues', negotiations between Switzerland and the EU on an institutional framework agreement were launched on 22 May 2014.

My questions are therefore as follows:

1. What is the state of play of negotiations on the possible adoption of a new EU-Switzerland agreement?
2. Does aviation form part of the negotiations on a new institutional agreement between the EU and Switzerland? If so, what is the state of play of negotiations?