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Update on airport openings. Looks like estonia is partially open. They think most ministers will fly private so they seem to want to try and move forward.

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SOME EUROPEAN AIRLINES RESUME OPERATIONS

- (SBU) The European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation (EuroControl) expects close to 60 percent of the scheduled 27,500 flights in European airspace to fly April 20. There were approximately 8700 flights on April 19, roughly 30 percent of regularly scheduled flights. (www.eurocontrol.int)
- (SBU) EU transportation ministers agreed on a phased opening of larger airports, subject to changing conditions. Per www.eurocontrol.int, current European airport operations include:
 - **Normal Operations:** Austria, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine
 - **Partial Operations** (includes airports fully operational for limited hours): Belgium, Britain, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
 - **Closed** (in some cases the airspace remains open for transit flights): Denmark, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia
- (SBU) For additional information, please go to the New York Times airport cancellation tracker: www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/04/15/world/europe/airport-closings-graphic.html?src=me&ref=world

STATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

- (SBU) The United States is not evacuating American citizens at this time. Commercial travel is expected to resume before U.S. Government-facilitated arrangements could be made. (travel.state.gov)
- (SBU) Consular Affairs (CA) updated the travel.state.gov website, as well as websites for U.S. Embassies throughout Europe, in order to provide additional details, including low-cost hotels, medical services, and the process to refill U.S. prescriptions. CA urges travelers to monitor local news and check in with airlines frequently. As applicable, the websites also detail procedures for those who have exceeded the duration of their visas due to the delays. (travel.state.gov)

Please see our classified website at <http://ses.state.sgov.gov>.

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