

Ms. Catherine Mannion  
Commissioner  
Commission for Aviation Regulation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Alexandra House  
Earlsfort Terrace  
Dublin 2

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Ms Mannion,

**Declaration of Parameters for Summer Season 2017**

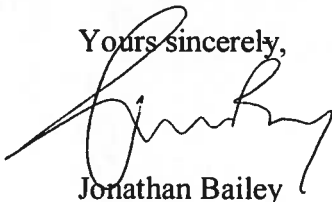
I am writing to you on behalf of the members of IAG (owner of Aer Lingus, British Airways, Iberia and Vueling) to express our concern about the process for agreeing the Summer Season 2017 capacity declaration at Dublin Airport.

We believe any increase in capacity at an IATA Level 3 co-ordinated airport should only be agreed after a thorough assessment of the impact the extra capacity will have on overall airfield performance has been carried out and all interested stakeholders have been properly consulted. This is particularly the case at Dublin where there are serious capacity constraints at peak times.

Any capacity decision where a negative impact on resilience will result is extremely concerning to airlines where key priorities are maintaining high levels of operational performance and customer service and where the costs of not doing so are substantial. Whilst extra capacity in principle is normally viewed as positive by airlines, there has to be a proper balance between increased capacity and any possible detriment to the resilience of the airport. In this regard it is important to note that all the airlines represented at the recent Dublin Coordination Committee voted against the proposal to increase capacity.

I would therefore urge you not to permit any increase in capacity available at Dublin Airport until a full capacity assessment has been carried and key stakeholders have been given sufficient time to assess the results.

Yours sincerely,



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