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Via e-mail attachment (oyvind.ek@sd.dep.no)

Ref: Avinor proposed 2008 airport charges

Dear Mr. Ek,

I am writing in response to the letter of 4 July 2007 informing IATA and the airlines of Avinor's proposed 2008 airport charges.

IATA represents over 240 airlines and is writing to you on behalf of its member airlines to ask that you give serious consideration to these views and reject the current proposal.

Landing and passenger charges

IATA objects to any increase in landing and passenger charges. Based on 2006 discussions, IATA was expecting Avinor to reduce the charges in 2007.

ICAO 9082/7 states that users should be given the opportunity to submit their views and consult with the airport operator or competent entity. "For this purpose the users should be provided with transparent and adequate financial, operational and other information to allow them to make informed comments."

IATA has not been provided with the relevant information. We request that this information be provided to meet our expectations that the proposal is cost-related, transparent and cost efficient.

Security charge

You will be aware that the security charge at Avinor airports increased by NOK 12 in 2007. Avinor envisages a further increase of NOK 3 in 2008. Again, IATA would like to receive pertinent information relating to the security charge showing that it is cost-related, transparent and cost efficient.

In the meantime, IATA strongly suggests that the security charge is not raised until the relevant transparency has been provided and ICAO policies met.

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Need for independent regulator

IATA supports the need for strong, robust and independent economic regulation. The independence of regulators from government, especially for airports that retain a degree of public sector ownership, is critical in order to provide objectivity. I have attached IATA's position paper on economic regulation for your information.

In addition, I have attached IATA's position on consultation, transparency and security charges which outlines our views and expectations.

I am now responsible for Norwegian airport charges. Could you please address all future information regarding Avinor charges directly to me at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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