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Comment on Launch of UK Aviation Policy Consultation

Responding to the first stage of the two year consultation exercise on aviation policy with the publication today of the Department for Transport document '*Developing a sustainable framework for UK aviation: Scoping document*', Simon Buck, Chief Executive of the British Air Transport Association (BATA), said:

“BATA, representing UK airlines, will be responding vigorously and comprehensively to the DfT aviation policy consultation process. A healthy, thriving aviation sector is vital to the economy. Sustainable growth in aviation will bring much needed economic and social benefits to the UK as well as helping to support millions of jobs. It is essential the UK aviation industry remains competitive in the face of the global challenge from our European neighbours and the emerging economies across the globe.”

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Notes to Editors

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2009, BATA members employed 76,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 93% of UK airline output, carrying 121 million passengers and 1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The eleven BATA member airlines are: Air Southwest, bmi, British Airways, DHL, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.
- The DfT consultation document can be accessed at:
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/2011-09/>

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