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## **Media Comment**

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### **Comment on Aviation Report from Mayor of London, January 2011**

Simon Buck, BATA Chief Executive, said:

“We are pleased that the Mayor and his team recognise the huge importance of aviation to London’s economy and the need for increased capacity at our airports to accommodate future growth. There needs to be a proper debate about the UK’s airport capacity as the Government has yet to be persuaded of the need for new development in the South East of England.”

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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 71,000 people, operated two thirds of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 80% of UK airline output, carrying 81 million passengers and 1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The ten BATA member airlines are: Air Southwest, bmi, British Airways, DHL, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

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