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### **BATA Supports IATA Concerns About Air Tax**

Simon Buck, Chief Executive of the British Air Transport Association (BATA), commenting on the International Air Transport Association (IATA) meeting in Singapore said:

“BATA supports IATA’s concerns that the high tax on aviation is damaging to the UK economy. By imposing the highest taxes on flying in the world, the UK government displays a lack of joined up thinking, when at the same time it is trying to boost the UK tourist industry by attracting more overseas visitors. High tax also disincentives inward investment and decreases the UK’s competitiveness in the global marketplace.”

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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 2010, BATA members employed over 71,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 96% of UK airline output, carrying 119 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.

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