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Statement: UK Airline Industry Letter to Secretary of State for Transport on Flight Disruptions

This afternoon UK airlines wrote privately to Lord Adonis, the Secretary of State for Transport. The letter, sent by the British Air Transport Association (BATA) with signatories and support from all major UK airlines, was also copied to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. It stressed the critical nature of the current situation facing the public and airline industry; sought a restart of flights at the earliest opportunity in a safe and risk-assessed manner; welcomed the Government's support for repatriation of stranded travellers and asked Government to commit to standing behind the industry financially at this very difficult time.

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Notes to Editors

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- BATA members employ over 71,000 people, operate two thirds of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and are responsible for some 80% of UK airline output, carrying 86 million passengers and 1 million tonnes of cargo.
- BATA member airlines are: Air Southwest, bmi, British Airways, DHL, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.