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International Emissions into National Plan “Won’t Go”

In response to reports that the Government will cave into lobbying from green pressure groups to include international aviation and shipping in the UK’s national emissions targets, Roger Wiltshire, Secretary General of BATA said:

“We are disappointed by this news. Unilateral national targets, with no agreed method in place for calculating and allocating emissions, are not an appropriate way to tackle the global issue of climate change.

“It is bizarre, that at a time when we are on the brink of a major global recession, the UK, a major trading nation, is deciding to incorporate international aviation and shipping in our national emissions plan, while our competitors look on.

“The sensible approach is developing international initiatives, such as the EU Emissions Trading Scheme which airlines are joining in 2012.

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“The Government should focus on negotiating with other countries a global strategy for meeting the challenge of climate change. Trying to impose a national plan may make some feel virtuous, but doing so will risk our transport links with the rest of the world and hamper and threaten the UK economy.”

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Notes to Editors

1) BATA

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