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### Response to Heathrow Third Runway Decision

The British Air Transport Association, the trade body for UK registered airlines has welcomed the Government's announcement, giving the go-ahead for a third runway at Heathrow.

Roger Wiltshire, Secretary General of BATA said:

"This is great news for the UK, for London, for the thousands of people whose livelihoods depend on a world class and successful Heathrow and for the businesses, families and individuals who rely on the ability to be able to travel to other parts of the world.

"While the environmental conditions set out by the government are unique, faced by no other airport in the world and will undoubtedly be tough to meet, we are confident the industry will rise to the challenge.

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“It is disappointing that the interim proposal to maximize the use of the existing runways has been rejected. This would have improved the operation of the airport and reduced emissions. However we accept the decision that the Government has made”

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**Notes to Editors**

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines with members from all sectors of the industry. BATA members employed over 73,000 people, operated around 70% of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and represented 85% of UK airline output in 2007.