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Mr. Cathal Guiomard
Commissioner for Aviation Regulation
Commission for Aviation Regulation
Third Floor
Alexandra House
Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2

Re: Chambers Ireland's Air Transport Users Council (ATUC) response to CP5/2007: Draft Determination of Maximum Airport Charges at Dublin Airport

Dear Mr. Guiomard,

Chambers Ireland's Air Transport Users Council (ATUC) would like to make the following observations in response to CP5/2007, draft determination of maximum airport charges at Dublin Airport.

As the capital city airport, Dublin is of vital economic importance to the country both from a tourism and business perspective. In addition to continuing the array of destinations currently available from Dublin airport, new services must be established, particularly in the context of Open Skies and the demand for increased services to and from Asia and the Eastern market. Such essential services cannot be developed without enabling much-needed increased capacity both airside and landside. Dublin Airport Authority has used the current facilities to the maximum benefit of all stakeholders in the airport, but services are unsustainable in the context of current constraints.

We recognise that this infrastructure cannot be provided without sufficient funding to enable it. In tandem with this, it is important to note that Dublin Airport's current charges are amongst the lowest in comparison to other European capital city airports. Whilst simultaneously ensuring value for money in return for capital investment at Dublin Airport, and ensuring a rise in service delivery commensurate with a rise in airport charges, we support the proposed maximum level of charges to be increased.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Loughrey
Chair, Chambers Ireland's Air Transport Users Council