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Response to the 2019 Draft Determination CP3/2019

I am writing in connection with the Commission for Aviation Regulation Draft Determination for Dublin Airport for 2020-2024 published on May 9th.

Tourism Ireland is the agency established under the Good Friday Agreement to market the island of Ireland as a tourism destination abroad. We work in 23 countries with key partners to achieve our objectives.

Irish tourism has seen significant growth over the last eight years to a point where 11.2million visitors spent €6bn on the island of Ireland in 2018. A key aspect of the success of Irish tourism over the last number of years has been the development of additional air access capacity. We have worked closely with all airports including Dublin and we have seen significant gains from markets like China, USA, Canada, UAE, Mainland Europe and Great Britain.

We have also worked with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in a new strategy for tourism looking out until 2025. There are ambitious growth targets being proposed to Government which will require enhanced capacity from our airports in the coming years. In addition, according to the United Nations World Tourism Organisation, the number of arrivals around the world will increase from 1.4 billion (2018) to 1.8bn by 2030. It is important that Ireland is not placed at a disadvantage here.

While Tourism Ireland does not have the competence to comment on detailed pricing matters, we feel it is critically important that capital expenditure plans proceed to see Ireland compete globally in the tourism space.

We are happy to discuss any aspects of the tourism agenda in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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