

Mr. Cathal Guiomard, Commissioner, Commission for Aviation Regulation, 3rd Floor, Alexandra House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

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RE: Differential Pricing at Dublin Airport

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Dear Commissioner Guiomard,

The Dublin Chamber welcomes the opportunity to comment on this latest round of consultation on airport charges at Dublin Airport. We wish to reiterate our concern at the possibility of the introduction of differential pricing between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, as outlined in our original submission on the 29th July 2009 where we stated that:

"Dublin Chamber believes that all businesses, tourists and domestic users stand to gain from the capital programme that has been outlined and that the funding of the programme should reflect this. Charges for the entire programme should be shared equally between the stakeholders at DAA and not be segmented."

We also noted that:

"At all times the level of airport charges should seek to be competitive (below) when compared with those of airports of similar capacity in Europe."

Dublin Chamber is opposed to differential pricing between the two terminals as Terminal 2 is specified to offer the same standard of service and quality as Terminal 1. In addition, we believe that the development of Terminal 2 should complement the developments at Terminal 1, as it is the airport infrastructure as a whole that is a critical element in attracting and retaining FDI in Ireland.

Dublin Airport is central to the continued development of the economic, business and tourism life of the Dublin City Region and the wider economy as a whole. It is therefore important that Dublin is supported in its role as the engine of national growth and has airport infrastructure available, with a single core services charge, which supports the long run requirements of businesses, tourists and international knowledge workers.

Yours sincerely,

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