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BATA Comment on Aviation Policy Report From British Chambers of Commerce

Commenting on the publication of *'Flying in the face of jobs and growth'*, a report published today (31st October) by the British Chambers of Commerce (BAA), Simon Buck, Chief Executive of the British Air Transport Association said:

"This report by the BCC provides clear evidence that if Britain is to be able to compete for new business with emerging markets then we must be allowed to grow and invest in our airport infrastructure.

Britain is in the grip of an unprecedented economic crisis, suffering from anaemic growth and the highest rate of unemployment in seventeen years. There is an urgent need for the Government to reassess its priorities and we cannot afford to wait another two years before its new aviation policy is unveiled. Otherwise, with competitors such as Germany, which has just added a fourth runway at its main hub airport of Frankfurt, the UK risks losing out in attracting new international investment and business."

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Notes to Editors

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2010, BATA members employed over 71,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 96% of UK airline output, carrying 119 million passengers and 1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The ten BATA member airlines are: bmi, British Airways, DHL, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.
- The BCC Report, *'Flying in the face of jobs and growth'* can be found at http://www.britishchambers.org.uk/6798219245202529759/Flying_in_the_face_of_jobs_and_growth.pdf

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