



IATA Criticizes Airport Service Fee Increase at Mexico City's International Airport

11 December 2023 (Mexico City) – The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is calling out Mexico City International Airport (AICM) for its planned on average 77% increase of airport service fees* due to come into effect as of 1 January 2024. This decision will raise air fares for passengers, negatively affect airlines and jeopardize the country's competitiveness.

Raising operating costs at Mexico's main aviation hub is in stark contrast to the Mexican Federal Government decision to reduce fees and increase costs efficiencies at other airports in the country. Moreover, the Airport Usage Tax (TUA) at AICM is already one of the highest in the world (domestic 503.22 pesos and international 955.49 pesos, average in 2023).

IATA is asking that the increases be reconsidered, especially since the facilities at AICM have further deteriorated, thus not reflecting the high cost paid by airlines and passengers. The airport's capacity was recently reduced to 43 flights per hour to facilitate improvement works. Unfortunately, these improvements have yet to be carried out.

AICM could operate in a profitable manner if its revenues were not used to fund other projects – such as the repayment of loans related to the canceled Texcoco Airport – but rather be reinvested into the maintenance, improvement and enhancements of its infrastructure and facilities. Hence, IATA calls on the tax authority to urgently review the use of the revenues and ensure that they are allocated to improvements aimed at meeting current and future passenger demand, while avoiding increases in other tariffs for airlines and users.

The industry remains ready to work with the government along the lines of best international practices for the benefit of the air traveler, thus improving their experience without increasing costs.

*Airport services include: landing, apron, aircraft overnights and boarding lounges.

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