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Dear Sir/Madame,

## Air Departure Tax – Consultations on an Overall 50% Reduction Policy Plan and an Environmental Report

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is a global trade association for airlines representing approximately 275 airline members and accounting for 83% of total global air traffic. Our member airlines include British Airways, Virgin Atlantic Airways, Flybe, Air France, Brussels Airlines, Aer Lingus, KLM, Turkish Airlines, Lufthansa, SAS and many others with air services to/from Scotland.

Further to the previous consultations held by the Scottish Government on the Air Departure Tax and IATA's corresponding submissions dated 30 May 2016 and 09 February 2017, we welcome the current opportunity to submit our comments on the consultations on an overall 50% reduction policy plan and the Environmental Report. In this respect, kindly find attached to this letter **Appendix 1** with our comments and recommendations on the questions contained in Consultation 1 and Consultation 2 released in June 2017 for your active consideration.

We would be happy to meet with representatives of the Scottish Government to provide additional details on the information contained herein and to discuss this important matter in greater detail.

Yours sincerely,

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