

The Chairman of the Board of Ofcom

Greetings!

Thank you very much for inviting us to comment on the UK's Office of Communication (Ofcom) proposal to introduce Administered Incentive Pricing (AIP) in the use of radio spectrum. As stated in the IATA's response to the proposed scheme, communication falls within the spectrum of aviation safety and any new proposal should be aligned and harmonized with international obligations. We understand that UK is a leading participant in the initiative to create single European skies and as a member it should be mindful of the fact that such a unilateral move could potentially create incoherent approach towards a common objective. As rightly identified in your report, it is very much in the interest of the user to learn the drawbacks associated with the current system and the anticipated added value that the AIP will generate thereof. In this regard, your advocacy for impact assessment and consultancy is irrefutably essential. As an airline operator we are also very cautious of the cost implication as the Ofcom system could be duplicated by others as a source of revenue. Thank you very much for conducting an in-depth analysis and sharing your findings with us. We confirm our association with the approach that is being taken by IATA in addressing AIP.

Thanking for taking the foregoing into consideration.

Best Regards