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Dear [REDACTED]

The European Commission's proposal to temporarily suspend the 80/20 rule for the 2020 summer scheduling season ("slot waiver") has been highly appreciated by German airports and BARIG airlines operating to and from Germany. This decision was of utmost importance to help stabilizing the air transport system in times of the corona crisis.

In the course of the current, exceptionally difficult and slow developments in the aviation industry, **BARIG, representing its German, European and worldwide based airlines, strongly proposes a prolongation of the slot waiver.** In our common industry assessment, the current crisis has an unprecedented impact on the aviation sector: While the revenue passenger kilometers globally fell 20% after 9/11 and 12% after SARS, the decline has reached an unparalleled record maximum of 95% in April 2020. With regard to airline revenues, experts estimate a loss of \$84.3 billion in 2020. The resumption and recovery of air traffic will take considerably longer than was foreseeable in March. Well into the years ahead, the volume of air traffic can be expected to be significantly lower than in previous years.

With consumer demand at an all-time low (in June 2020, bookings have decreased 82% compared to the previous year) and most passengers postponing bookings to a period shortly before their journey, airlines lack transparency over demand to plan their schedule, and, therefore, urgently need schedule flexibility.



In order to provide such planning reliability and flexibility, BARIG considers it necessary to agree to further suspend the 80/20 rule and to extend the slot waiver in its current form for the entire duration of the 2020/2021 winter scheduling season.

Clarity on the extension of the slot waiver is imperative by the end of July 2020 at the latest, as airlines are now in the process of slot coordination, which requires information on how their historical slots are being handled. In this context, we have also urged the German government to support the necessary decisions without delay.

Therefore, we ask the EU Commission to propose the necessary rules suspending slot usage rules for the upcoming winter scheduling season.

If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Yours sincerely

