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Dear [REDACTED] dear [REDACTED]

German airlines and airports very much welcomed that the European Commission proposed to temporarily suspend the 80/20 rule for the 2020 summer scheduling season ("slot waiver"). This decision was of particular importance for stabilizing of the air transport system during corona.

Now we have discussed a prolongation of the slot waiver with German airports and airlines, all of them are members of our association. In our common view, it is clear that the resumption of air traffic will take much longer than was foreseeable in March. Far into the next few years, the volume of air traffic is expected to be much lower than in previous years. In order to provide planning reliability, German airports and airlines consider 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. We have also asked the German government to support the necessary decisions without delay.

We hope that the EU Commission will 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.

With my best regards,

