

## European airports concerned by latest EU deal on ETS

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**Brussels, 10 July 2008:** This week's vote in Strasbourg on the inclusion of aviation in the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) has been met with strong criticism by aviation stakeholders. ACI EUROPE has been a long-time advocate of the inclusion of aviation in ETS as one of the key measures to effectively address the growing contribution of the sector to climate change.

However, this support for ETS was based on the initial European Commission proposal and the common Council position agreed in April of this year. Both ensured that the scheme design would be environmentally viable and economically effective. The vote of the European Parliament this week and the latest consensus reached with the Council fail to meet these two key criteria.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE said "The latest conditions have been agreed without any serious impact assessment and are an open door to litigation from third countries. They threaten the viability of the scheme, exposing European operators and harming the international credibility of the EU on climate change. The damaging impact this will have on airlines and their customers will certainly be felt by Europe's airports and their communities".

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