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**Subject: Response to AERA's Consultation Paper No. 3/2014-15 dated 5th June 2014 on determination of Aeronautical Tariffs in respect of Cochin International Airport, Cochin for the first control period (01.04.2011 - 31.03.2016)**

Dear Sir,

We thank the Authority in giving this opportunity to respond to Consultation Paper No. 3/2014-15 dated 5th June 2014 on determination of Aeronautical Tariffs in respect of Cochin International Airport, Cochin for the first control period (01.04.2011 - 31.03.2016). We notice in the Consultation Paper that CIAL does not intend to increase its Aeronautical tariff namely Landing, Parking and Cargo charges in the current Control Period (FY12 - FY16). Additionally CIAL has declared that these charges were based on the tariff of AAI prevailing in 2001. As such the existing tariffs that were last revised in 2001 will continue till the end of the current control period except for services such as Ground Handling, Fuel supply and CUTE charges where fees are collected based on separate user agreements. In consideration of the above facts, CIAL has requested the Authority to consider a Light Touch Approach for determining the Aeronautical tariff for Cochin International Airport for the first control period.

APAO supports this request of CIAL. APAO has also noted that the Authority has permitted increase of the tariff of Ground Handling and Fuel services for which the increase proposed is as per the relevant agreements entered into with oil companies etc., and the Authority has proposed to determine the tariff of these services under Light Touch Approach. We thank the Authority in considering a Light Touch Approach for CIAL and would like to propose that a similar approach should be adopted for all other major PPP airports in future.

Thanks and regards  
**For Association of Private Airport Operators**

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