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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Latest data show that the passenger traffic worldwide is at 90% of pre-Covid levels. Airports, hotels, taxis, local economies are all reviving and benefitting. It's a crystal clear signal that people want and have to travel. For most of the journeys this is done by airplane, as it's the only suitable and efficient solution. Of course where there's a fine alternative take the train (travel distance max 3 hours).

Unfortunately The Netherlands continues to row against the current, in its own tiny bathtub, on its path of isolation; pushing for a national CO<sub>2</sub>-ceiling, and an airport that should reduce in capacity, despite the increasing wish of its population to travel. Is our government aware that aviation doesn't stop at the border at Hazeldonk or Aachen?

We make a fool of ourselves. Many airlines but also international journalists are wondering what we are

doing. One journalist asked me: “Do you really think the Netherlands is the epic centre of the world, and everyone will follow your example?”

My honest answer was: “I am afraid some politicians do think we are the epic centre of the world”. And... if we realize that a forced reduction of flights to & from Amsterdam from foreign carriers can trigger a firm retaliation from other countries...! Oufff, that is something The Hague hasn't considered yet.....

Is our government only listening to a roaring minority, not even willing to take into account other observations, comments and recommendations?

Decisions are based on emotions and on political agendas, not on facts and figures. As such, The Hague is contributing to polarization and framing aviation. A dangerous path. The announced capacity cut is a crude effort to manage noise. The aviation sector won a court challenge because the government did not honour its decades-long commitments under the ICAO Balanced Approach on noise management. “Consultation was a charade and operational restrictions were the first choice—not the last resort as the Balanced Approach calls for”. (Quote Willy Walsh). We will be submitting our point of view on the Balanced Approach this week and it will be no surprise that we have better arguments and tools to reduce noise instead of reducing aircraft movements.

Last year airlines transported goods valued at \$8.5 trillion, supporting enormous economic opportunities. And this year airlines enable 4.4 billion flyers to do business, reconnect with loved ones, explore our beautiful planet, fulfil something on their bucket list, or expand their horizons. We have so many reasons to be proud, and continue to work hard on a profitable and safe, sustainable future!

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema  
Chairman

## Minister Mark Harbers announces cancellation of space reservation Parallel Kaag-runway

Minister of Infrastructure & Watermanagement Mark Harbers, announced on Monday 12th June, that the Government no longer holds on to a reservations of space for a possible parallel Kaag-runway (Kaagbaan). This possible runway was intended to reduce the noise hindrance for people living under the route to and from the Aalsmeerbaan. By cancelling the reservation of the airspace going to and coming from a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaagbaan, new housing projects will be feasible in the area.

Please [click here](#) to download the letter from the Minister to the House of Representatives.



## Airport Coordination Netherlands sends update

In case you have missed it, please [click here](#) to download the latest update sent by ACNL 13<sup>th</sup> of June on W23 for the Slot conference held in Dublin 13-15 June.



## BARIN and ACN decline invitation to CO2- ceiling stakeholder session by Ministry of I&W



The Ministry of Infrastructure & Watermanagement organized another stakeholder session on June 13<sup>th</sup> on the intention of introducing a national CO<sub>2</sub>-ceiling. Already in 2022 as well as in January this year we have submitted our objections and in February Minister Mark Harbers replied that he understands the concerns of our sector. Nevertheless a crystal

clear letter was sent to the House of Representatives a few weeks later, without taking any of our arguments into consideration. For BARIN, ACN and other parties in our sector enough reason not to participate in another stakeholder session.



## **BARIN will be submitting her point of view on the Balanced Approach on capacity reduction Schiphol**

On Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> the consultation period for the Balanced Approach procedure on the intended reduction of air traffic movements at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol will be ending. BARIN will -on behalf of her members- submit a point of view (“zienswijze”) in which alternatives to come to noise reduction will be presented and which to our firm belief are much more productive than simply axing the number of flights. With our arguments we hope that the Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement as well as the European Commission will be convinced that there are better and more cost efficient ways to reach the goals as set out by the Ministry. We will share our point of view with our membership.

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