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

In the course of three days 2 positive events happened.

We were happy to co-organize and participate in a roundtable session with many members of our Parliament to discuss the “10 Commitments” document, signed by 31 different parties.

We will continue to push for a constructive dialogue with all stakeholders. Too often this is a challenge or even neglected by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management’

Already because of this fact, it was positive to exchange ideas, listen to- and learn from each other.

Two days later the Attorney General advised the Supreme Court that a so-called Balanced Approach procedure via the European Commission is

mandatory for whatever shrink-scenario at Schiphol, be it temporary or not.

One cannot unilaterally, without exploring other options instigate capacity reductions at an airport. It seems a logical advice for many as these are the rules we have agreed upon in Europe.

In the months to come we will continue the dialogue.

By now it has been proven that no one alone can define the future.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema
Chairman



Government of
the Netherlands

Aviation Sector organizes roundtable with Dutch MP's on 10 Commitments

Last Wednesday, April 3rd, the Aviation Sector united by 31 different parties -ranging from airlines, fuel suppliers, aircraft manufacturers, knowledge institutions and interest groups- who signed the earlier released 10-commitments plan held a very fruitful roundtable session with Dutch Members of Parliament and political party's policy makers from 8 different political parties, including the 4 parties currently holding the talks on a possible coalition. This one-hour discussion offering ample opportunities for sharing visions and asking questions appeared to be very fruitful and was well-appreciated by both sector and MP's. A need for understanding and joint fact-finding and future collaboration is essential for a well-balanced future-proof aviation landscape supporting the Dutch economy.

Please [click here](#) to download the 10-commitments plan (in English).

Advocate-general advises Supreme Court on Reduction proposal Minister Harbers

The Advocate-general issued an advice to the Supreme Court last Friday, 5th April on the first trench of the intended reduction of air traffic movements at Schiphol Airport. In an earlier ruling the Dutch Court already approved the plan by Infrastructure & Watermanagement Minister Harbers for this intended reduction. However the Advocate-general now issued an advice stating that also for the first trench (the Experimental Ruling) a so-called Balanced Approach via the European Commission is mandatory. Whether the ruling is a temporary one or not does not make a difference according to the Advocate-general; in the Balanced Approach notification the Ministry should be able to prove that all other measures to reduce noise-emissions have been investigated but failed to reach the required result.

For more details, please [click here](#).

Knowledge institute for Mobility-policies (KiM) issues report on preference for non-stop flights

People traveling to and from The Netherlands prefer to do so by using direct flights. An alternative for a direct flight is not necessarily an indirect flight, but can also be another destination or no flight at all, so a different mode of transport.

The larger the distance, the more likelihood there is for taking an indirect flight. Business travellers make more use of a transfer as there are more options available than just using non-stop flights.

Please [click here](#) to download the full report.

Infrastructure & Watermanagement Minister Harbers announces reduction of Ground Handling Companies at Schiphol

In his 7th so called progress-letter on the Program Environment Schiphol, Minister Harbers announces amongst others the reduction of the current number of 6 Ground Service Handling Agents (GSHA's) to a maximum number of 3. However the number of 3 ground handling companies only apply to the servicing of passenger aircraft for baggage- and platform handling. Ground handling of cargo and mail as well as Full Freighter aircraft and General Aviation (private jets) is excluded from this decision. The final decision will be published shortly and thereafter Amsterdam Airport Schiphol will start a market-consultation and European tender process.

Please [click here](#) to download the letter of the Minister and refer to page 5 and 6.

Interesting to read

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- Please [click here](#) to download the press release on the 3 April event 'Sector meets Members of Parliament'
- Please [click here](#) to download the De Telegraaf article 'Advies aan Hoge Raad – Draai toestemming eerste stap krimp Schiphol terug'
- Please [click here](#) to download the Luchtvaartnieuws article 'Nieuwe kijk op duurzaam vliegen van Boeing en NASA'



IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA publication 'Air Cargo Demand Maintains Double-Digit Growth in February'
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