



Scotland takes the lead towards scrapping Air Passenger Duty

09 December 2016 – Airlines have welcomed today’s policy announcement by the Scottish Conservatives calling for Air Passenger Duty (APD) on long-haul flights to be abolished as recognition in Scotland that charging passengers the world’s highest tax on flights is economically unsustainable.

The Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BAR UK), representing 70 airlines, supports the Scottish Conservatives’ view that removing this major barrier to Scotland’s long-haul connectivity will provide a much needed boost for its economy to “go global”.

Dale Keller, chief executive of BAR UK said “This most welcome proposal by the Scottish Conservatives signals a green light for the Scottish Government to push forward with its own plans to replace APD with a new lower tax from 2018. Scotland has taken the lead on dismantling this unpopular and regressive tax, with both the Scottish Conservatives and SNP planning to completely abolish APD as soon as finances allow.”

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The Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BAR UK) presents the widest international voice of the airline industry; representing 70 scheduled airlines in the UK in their dealings with government, government departments, regulators and airport operators.

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