



Joint Declaration by ACAC, AACO and IATA on Civil Aviation Taxes and Charges in the Arab world

ACAC (Arab Civil Aviation Commission), AACO (Arab Air Carriers Organization), and IATA (International Air Transport Association) are working jointly to address issues related to taxes and charges levied on civil aviation in the Arab world. The three organizations will work with the relevant entities of each individual country in the Arab world to help them better adhere to the ICAO Policy on charges and taxes.

This initiative is based on a joint mandate given to ACAC and AACO by the ACAC Executive Council and AACO Executive Committee and is supported by IATA's position on taxes and charges.

Recognizing that

- Air transport is vital to the economic development and growth of Arab countries;
- The airline industry creates substantial value for its customers, employees and the wider economy;
- Unjustified airport and ANSP charges as well as taxes discourage air traffic and have a detrimental effect on the wider economy;
- The world and the aviation industry are suffering from an unprecedented economic crisis, making it more urgent than ever for all industry stakeholders to maximize cost efficiency and cost reduction.

ACAC, AACO and IATA call for the following

- 1- A meaningful consultation process between airlines and providers to ensure that the economic, service quality and capacity needs of both parties are understood and that a balance is struck.
- 2- Transparency in sharing financial and other information on operations with airlines to assist them in verifying and justifying the costs involved in providing the services.
- 3- Cost-relationship between charges and taxes and the cost of services provided, such that all aviation charges and taxes are reinvested into the facilities and services for which they were levied.
- 4- An equitable charges structure where no users are burdened with costs not properly allocable to them according to sound accounting principles.
- 5- Productivity and cost-effectiveness improvements which translate into lower charges to the airlines.
- 6- Compliance with all other principles of ICAO's Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services (Doc 9082).