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Maximizing Civil Aviation's Economic Contribution

*Safe, Secure and Sustainable Air Transport in Open Skies –
Challenges and Potential*

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I. KEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. AIRPORTS

1.1 What are the major barriers for airport operators striving to build, improve and sustain a commercially viable airport system?

- Environmental constraints including emotional aspects
- Institutional context
- Haphazard planning process
- Financing

How can we overcome the barriers?

- Environmental management and communication
- Political will
- Integrated planning process
- Guaranteed financial stability

1.1.1 What are the basic conditions for a government and an airport to follow the trend of governments to disengage in total public ownership and direct control of civil aviation infrastructure?

- Transparent legal framework
- Organizational reform towards a commercialized or privatized regime
- Appropriate regulation and enforcement
- Stability



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1.2 An airport provides economically priced airport services and is an economic engine for the local economy. How do these micro- and macro-economic functions reinforce each other?

- Development
- Employment
- Access

2. AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES PROVIDERS (ANSP)

2.1 What are the major barriers to more independent ANS provision?

- Governments unwilling to cede control
- Governments fear lose of revenues

How can we overcome these barriers?

- Technological advances are reducing need for physical infrastructure
- Regionalising air space
- Revenue stays in organisation

2.1.1 Separate the regulatory and safety oversight functions from the service provision?

- Yes – this provides transparency
- Avoids conflicts of interest

2.1.2 What conditions need to be met to succeed? Consider making the service providers responsible and accountable for the income from route charges – with proper user consultation mechanism in place.

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2.2 How can regulatory frameworks be aligned across the world to support improved cooperation and harmonisation?

- Replicate proven example
- Technological alignment