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Re: ANCA Draft Decision - North Runway Planning Application: REG. REF. F20A/O668

Sir/Madam,

Connectivity to North America in a post-Covid environment is critical to investment, tourism and trade between Ireland and the US. This is particularly pertinent as we try to re-build and recover from the impacts of Covid-19.

North Runway is a significant strategic infrastructure for Ireland and will enable extensive transatlantic connectivity. We have consistently expressed our support for the project and also for the removal of Conditions 3 (d) and 5, which will have a significant impact on the operational flexibility of Dublin Airport at key times of the morning and evening.

We have reviewed the proposals made by ANCA and believe that they provide a much more even balance, between ensuring flexibility at the airport and addressing noise concerns. In particular, the stringent movement cap was of a particular concern due to it's rigidness and we note that ANCA have moved to address this by proposing to implement a noise quota system, which we would be supportive of.

The US Council would be grateful if ANCA could consider our position of support with respect to this, in your final deliberations.

Best Regards

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