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The Honourable Company of Air Pilots

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Dear John and Chris,

I am responding to the statement issued by BADA and the Honourable Company on Friday 4 March. This contains a number of remarks about things I am alleged to have said and done, alongside unsubstantiated opinions and assertions on my motives. The remarks are factually inaccurate in very many respects. I could refute them blow by blow but I don't think that would be helpful at this stage.

Let me apologise wholeheartedly if my remarks quoted in The Times on 3 March have caused offence. My intention in speaking out was to issue a "call to action" given the amount of work my colleagues at the CAA have identified as being necessary, to ensure a successful flying display season in the UK in 2016. I obviously cannot comment on the opinions and actions of everyone in the community, but what I said was representative of the tone of much of the correspondence and engagement that I and colleagues, have received since the publication of our Air Display Review Action Plan. I am heartened to hear that I was wrong in assuming this was representative of the general position of those in the air display community.

It is my very clear wish that the CAA works constructively with the community over the coming weeks and months. Without a spirit of cooperation we will not be able to achieve the improvements in arrangements that we believe to be essential. To that end I have asked Mark Swan to set up a meeting before Easter where responses to our Action Plan and the practical issues arising from them, can be discussed.

Given the very public nature of your statement I will be placing a copy of this letter on the CAA website and copying it directly to Sir Gerald Howarth.

Yours sincerely



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE