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Dear Sirs

**Response to CAP 2098 (Economic regulation of Heathrow Airport Limited: response to its request for a covid-19 related RAB adjustment)**

We write to express our full support for the position outlined in the London (Heathrow) Airline Consultative Committee and Heathrow AOC response (the "**Response**") to the CAA's consultation (CAP 2098).

The COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to present unprecedented challenges for the airline community. An adjustment to the RAB in the manner requested by HAL would compound these challenges. As set out in the Response, any such adjustment is unreasonable and unjustified – contrary to HAL's position, it will not provide any consumer benefit nor will it hasten the re-opening of terminals.

It should also be noted that Gulf Air (in common with many other airlines) has already had to endure:

1. An enforced move of our operations to London Heathrow Terminal 2 (to support HAL) whilst still being required to pay 50% rent for a facility that we have been unable to use for almost 1 year and are unlikely to be able to return to until Q1 2022.
2. An increase to the Other Regulated Charges (ORC) imposed by HAL during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the reasons outlined above, we reiterate our full support for the position set out in the Response.

Thank you for your consideration of our views in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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