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**Development of a Cost Recovery  
Mechanism for the Provision of Space  
Weather Information Services**

Dear Mr Salazar

In view of the State Letter, reference AN 10/1 – 25/38, submitted to the States on 25 February 2025 and the begin of the coordinated space weather information services as of 7 November 2019, acknowledging the importance of the supply of these services and taking into account the outcome of the discussions in the Council on the two distinct concepts for a global cost recovery mechanism, we would like to express our preference for the Option – State Charge with the inclusion of both, international and domestic departures. The reasons for this preference are the incompatibility of the operator charge with the performance and charging scheme applicable in the EU allowing to include the determined costs incurred for the provision of services to airspace users within the relevant charging zones only, further, a presumably smoother process of the establishment of the collection of the charges based on a global allocation arrangement concluded at the ICAO level and problem as regards the agreement with discriminatory treatment of airline operators based on their country of registration. Both, international as well as domestic flights make use of the space weather information services, hence the inclusion of domestic departures avoids a cross-subsidization of domestic traffic, which would distort the picture and penalize states having a small share of domestic traffic. In addition to it, we would like to emphasise the need to make progress and aim to conclude on this issue in the ICAO Council.

Yours sincerely

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