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To, The Chairperson, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority, **AERA Building, Administrative Complex,** Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi- 110 003.

Kind Attention - Shri. Balwinder Singh Bhullar Ji

Sub: FIA Response to the AERA CP.No.10/2023-24 dated 23rd August 2023 for determination of tariff for Cargo handling services for M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited ('KSIEL') at Calicut International Airport, Kozhikode, for the Third Control Period (FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26)

Dear Sir,

We, Federation of Indian Airlines ('FIA'), submit that the tariff proposed by AERA for FY23-24 in Annexure II of the Consultation Paper no.10/2023-24 dated 23rd August 2023 for determination of tariff for Cargo handling services for KSIEL at Calicut International Airport, Kozhikode for the Third Control Period (FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26) ('CP'), for export and import international cargo operations have reflected an increase of 13%, over and above the existing 5% increase in interim approved rates provided by AERA on export cargo handling services vide AERA order no. 42/2022-23 dated 23rd March 2023, in comparison with the proposed AERA rates in this CP.

In this regard,, it is submitted that such increase in tariff twice in one financial year of approx.18% (eighteen percent) for services such as x-ray usage, screening and certification in FY23-24, will degenerate the growth of air cargo operations and negatively impact the airlines to generate the load from the Calicut International Airport.

In view of the above, we request AERA to not implement and approve such proposed hike in tariff, during this Control Period, which would precipitate adverse financial impact on the airlines.

We look forward to your continued support in these challenging times.

Yours Truly,

For and on behalf of the Federation of Indian Airlines,

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Associate Director

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Director (P&S Tariff), Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India.