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## **ELFAA welcomes Parliament's decision on the Climate Change package as a balanced solution**

**Brussels – 19 December 2008.** ELFAA welcomes the compromise agreement reached between the EU Presidency and the Parliament, as part of the Climate Change Package, not to change their earlier agreement of June 2008 but to retain a separate scheme for aviation in the EU ETS.

The compromise agreement of June 2008 led to a design for the aviation scheme, which was demanding yet took account of the need for airlines to continue to invest in new technology to further improve their environmental performance.

While an ETS cap and trade scheme offers an incentive to airlines to improve their environmental efficiency, auctioning does nothing to enhance the environmental effectiveness of ETS for aviation, there being no possibility of windfall profits. ELFAA sees no justification for any auctioning for aviation in ETS and is pleased to note that the compromise agreement has resisted the calls for progressive increases in auctioning of aviation allowances.

The auctioning of 15% of aviation allowances, together with a cap of 97% for 2012, reducing, from 2013 onwards to 95% of actual emissions in 2004-06, is highly ambitious and will require many airlines to purchase more than 15% of allowances.

To make a real environmental contribution, it is clearly vital that all flights into and out of the EU be captured. The removal of the risk of progressive increases in auctioning will make EU ETS more saleable to third countries, reducing the risk of legal challenge.

### **NOTES TO THE EDITOR:**

ELFAA airline members include: clickair, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Myair.com, Norwegian, Ryanair, Sky Europe, Sverige Flyg, transavia.com and Wizz Air.

ELFAA airline members will carry over 150 million passengers in 2008, using a combined fleet of some 500 of the most technologically-advanced, environmentally-efficient aircraft.

Low fares airlines currently account for over 35% of scheduled intra-European traffic.



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