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# **DRAFT REPORT**

on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on aviation security charges  
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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on aviation security charges

(COM(2009)0217 – C7-0038/2009 – 2009/0063(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2009)0217),
  - having regard to Article 251(2) and Article 80(2) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0038/2009),
  - having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council entitled "Consequences of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon for ongoing interinstitutional decision-making procedures" (COM(2009)0665),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) and Article 100(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU,
  - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee,
  - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions,
  - having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A7-0000/2009),
1. Adopts the position at first reading hereinafter set out;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend the proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, to the Commission and to the national parliaments of the Member States.

### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a directive

##### Recital 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Aviation security at European airports is essentially a state responsibility. ***Each Member State decides on the methods for financing aviation security.*** It is, *however,*

*Amendment*

(1) Aviation security at European airports is essentially a state responsibility. It is necessary to establish a common framework regulating the essential features

necessary to establish a common framework regulating the essential features of security charges and the way they are set, as in the absence of such framework basic requirements in the relationship between airport managing bodies and airport users may not be respected.

of security charges and the way they are set, as in the absence of such framework basic requirements in the relationship between bodies setting such charges and airport users may not be respected.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*Necessary adaptation to Article 6.*

## **Amendment 2**

### **Proposal for a directive**

#### **Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) It is vital for airport users to obtain from the **airport managing body**, on a regular basis, information on how and on what basis aviation security charges are calculated. This information will provide **air carriers** with an insight into the costs incurred by providing security services **and** the productivity of related investments. To allow **an airport managing** body to properly assess the requirements with regard to its future investments, **the** airport users should be required to share all their operational forecasts, developments projects and specific demands and wishes with the **airport managing** body on a timely basis.

*Amendment*

(3) It is vital for airport users to obtain from the **body setting or applying the charges**, on a regular basis, information on how and on what basis aviation security charges are calculated. This information will provide **airport users** with an insight into the costs incurred by providing security services **such as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 300/2008 of 11 March 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002<sup>1</sup> and its implementing rules**, the productivity of related investments **and any grants and subsidies allocated by the authorities for security purposes**. To allow **the competent** body **setting or applying the charges** to properly assess the requirements with regard to its future investments, airport users should be required to share all their operational forecasts, developments projects and specific demands and wishes with the **competent** body on a timely basis

*Justification*

*The directive should not focus only on airport managing bodies and therefore a more neutral term as later on defined in Article 2 respects better the different situations in Member States.*

*Air carriers should be replaced with airport users as this is in line with the definition in Article 2.*

*It is important to increase transparency on any financing from public authorities. Linked to Amendment 23.*

**Amendment 3**

**Proposal for a directive**

**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) It is important to establish transparency ***in relation to the economic impact*** of national security measures more stringent than the common basic standards established in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 300/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002.

*Amendment*

(5) It is important to establish transparency ***with regard to the use*** of national security measures more stringent than the common basic standards established in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 300/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002.

*Justification*

*Linked to Article 6.*

**Amendment 4**

**Proposal for a directive**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) An independent supervisory authority

*Amendment*

(6) ***In every Member State in which***

*in every Member State* should ensure the proper and effective application of this Directive. The authority should be in possession of all the necessary resources in terms of staffing, expertise and the financial resources for the performance of its tasks.

*security charges are levied at airports* an independent supervisory authority should ensure the proper and effective application of this Directive. The authority should be in possession of all the necessary resources in terms of staffing, expertise and the financial resources for the performance of its tasks.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Linked to Amendment 35 on transposition.*

**Amendment 5**

**Proposal for a directive  
Recital 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(6a) Member States should have the possibility of applying a common charging system to cover an airport network or other groups of airports including those serving the same city or conurbation.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 6**

**Proposal for a directive  
Recital 6 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(6b) When calculating security charges in respect of cost-relatedness, objective criteria should be used as a basis, such as those laid down in the relevant International Civil Aviation Organization***

*documents, which advocates the use of the number of passengers or aircraft maximum take-off weight or a combination of these.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 7**

### **Proposal for a directive**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. This Directive applies to any airport located in a territory subject to the provisions of the Treaty.

*Amendment*

2. This Directive applies to any airport located in a territory subject to the provisions of the Treaty ***and open to commercial traffic.***

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

### **Proposal for a directive**

#### **Article 2 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ba) "competent body" means an airport managing body or any other body or authority responsible for the application and/or the setting of the level and the structure of aviation security charges at Community airports;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Member States have different systems in place for the provision of aviation security measures. Depending on the national context, it can be public authorities, the airport managing body and also the airlines that are responsible for the provision of aviation security.*

## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a directive Article 2 – point d

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) ‘security charge’ means a levy which is specifically designed to recover ***all or part of the cost*** of security measures intended to protect civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

*Amendment*

(d) ‘security charge’ means a levy ***collected by any entity, airport or airport user in different forms*** which is specifically designed to recover the ***costs*** of security measures intended to protect civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Member States have different systems in place for the provision of aviation security measures. Depending on the national context, it can be public authorities, the airport managing body and also the airlines that are responsible for the provision of aviation security. Consequently, the financing of security measures also falls on different actors in the different Member States. Therefore, the definition of ‘security charge’ in Article 2 must reflect the different responsibilities and types of security charges levied by airports, public authorities and airlines.*

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a directive Article 2 – point d a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(da) ‘aviation security’ means the combination of measures and human and material resources intended to safeguard civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference that jeopardise the security of civil aviation;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Definition taken from Regulation 300/2008. Necessary definition here in order to focus not only on airports. Linked to Amendments 15 and 26.*

## **Amendment 11**

### **Proposal for a directive Article 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### **Article 3a**

##### ***Airport network***

***Member States may allow the competent body of an airport network to introduce a common and transparent charging system for security charges to cover the airport network.***

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Airport networks have been established by several Member States (e.g. Spain, Portugal, Greece, Sweden, Finland and Norway) within the framework of their national transport policy. Airport networks need to be in a position to apply a common charging system for security charges in order to foster territorial cohesion and limit the remote regions' competitive disadvantage. Therefore, the draft EU Directive on Security Charges should be aligned with Article 4 of the EU Directive on Airport Charges in order to recognise airport networks.*

## **Amendment 12**

### **Proposal for a directive Article 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### **Article 3b**

##### ***Common charging systems***

***After having informed the Commission and in accordance with Community law, Member States may allow the competent body to apply a common and transparent charging system at airports serving the same city or conurbation, provided that each airport fully complies with the requirements on transparency set out in Article 5.***

*Justification*

*It is necessary to ensure consistency with the EU Airport Charges Directive. Airport managing bodies operating airports that serve the same city or conurbation, have often established a common charging system for reasons of traffic distribution. These airport systems must be enabled to apply a common charging system also for security charges. Therefore, the draft EU Directive on Security Charges should be aligned with Article 5 of the EU Directive on Airport Charges in order to recognise airport systems serving the same city or conurbation.*

**Amendment 13****Proposal for a directive  
Article 4 – title***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

Consultation

Consultation *and remedy**Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 14****Proposal for a directive  
Article 4 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

1. Member States shall ensure that the **airport managing** body has access to all necessary information on the costs of providing aviation security services at the airport.

1. Member States shall ensure that the **competent** body has access to all necessary information on the costs of providing aviation security services at the airport.

## Amendment 15

### Proposal for a directive Article 4 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall ensure that **at each airport** a compulsory **and regular** procedure for consultation between the **airport managing** body and airport users is established with respect to the operation of the system of security charges and the level of such charges. **That** consultation shall take place at least once a year.

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall ensure that a compulsory procedure for **regular** consultation between the **competent** body and airport users **or the representatives or associations of airport users and the associations of air passengers** is established with respect to the operation of the system of security charges and the level of such charges. **Such** consultation shall take place at least once a year, **unless agreed otherwise in the latest consultation. Where a multi-annual agreement between the competent body and the airport users exists, the consultations shall take place as provided for in such agreement. Member States shall retain the right to request more frequent consultations.**

Or. en

### *Justification*

*It is important to involve also passengers organisations in this exchange of information process as passengers and not the airport users pay in the end for most of these security measures. In particular, first hand information on the costs of security charges incurred by the competent body or the air carrier would allow passenger organisations to control better the end price imposed to the passengers. Amendment is linked to Amendment 25.*

*The second part of the amendment is an alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a directive Article 4 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The **airport managing** body shall submit any proposal to modify the system or the

*Amendment*

3. The **competent** body shall submit any proposal to modify the system or the level

level of security charges to the airport users no later than four months before it enters into force, together with the reasons for the proposed changes. The **airport managing** body shall hold consultations on the proposed changes with the airport users and take their views into account before a decision is taken.

of security charges to the airport users **or the representatives or associations of airport users** no later than four months before it enters into force, together with the reasons for the proposed change. The **competent** body shall hold consultations on the proposed changes with the airport users and take their views into account before a decision is taken.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

## **Amendment 17**

### **Proposal for a directive Article 4 – paragraph 4**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The **airport managing** body shall publish its decision no later than two months before it enters into force. When no agreement on the proposed changes is reached between the **airport managing** body and the airport users, the **airport managing** body shall justify its decision with regard to the airport users.

#### *Amendment*

4. The **competent** body shall publish its decision no later than two months before it enters into force. When no agreement on the proposed changes is reached between the **competent** body and the airport users, the **competent** body shall justify its decision with regard to the airport users.

Or. en

## **Amendment 18**

### **Proposal for a directive Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

#### *Amendment*

**4a. Member States shall ensure that in the event of a disagreement over a decision on security charges taken by the competent body, either party may seek the**

*intervention of the independent supervisory authority referred to in Article 8 which shall examine the justifications for the modification of the system or the level of security charges.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 19**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 4 – paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4b. A Member State may decide not to apply paragraph 4a in relation to changes to the level or the structure of the aviation security charges at those airports for which:***

***(a) there is a mandatory procedure under national law whereby aviation security charges, or their maximum level, are to be determined or approved by the independent supervisory authority; or***

***(b) there is a mandatory procedure under national law whereby the independent supervisory authority examines, on a regular basis or in response to requests from interested parties, whether such airports are subject to effective competition. Whenever the situation so warrants on the basis of such an examination, the Member State shall decide that the aviation security charges, or their maximum level, are to be determined or approved by the independent supervisory authority. This decision shall apply for as long as is necessary on the basis of the examination conducted by that authority.***

*The procedures, conditions and criteria applied by the Member State for the purposes of this paragraph shall be relevant, objective, non-discriminatory and transparent.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

## **Amendment 20**

### **Proposal for a directive**

#### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States shall ensure that the **airport managing** body provides each airport user **and** the representatives or associations of airport users, **once a year**, with information on the components serving as a basis for determining the level of all security charges levied **at the airport**. **This** information shall at least include:

*Amendment*

1. Member States shall ensure that the **competent** body provides each airport user, **or** the representatives **or** associations of airport users, **every time consultations as referred to in Article 4(2) are to be held**, with information on the components serving as a basis for determining **the structure or** the level of all security charges levied **under its responsibility**. **The** information shall at least include:

Or. en

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

## **Amendment 21**

### **Proposal for a directive**

#### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ba) the overall cost structure with regard to the facilities and services to which security charges relate;**

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 22**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) the revenue ***and cost of each category***  
of security charges ***levied at the airport***;

(c) the revenue of ***the*** security charges ***and  
the total cost of the services covered by  
them***;

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 23**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(da) any financing from public authorities  
of the facilities and services to which  
security charges relate;***

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

## Amendment 24

### Proposal for a directive Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) forecasts of the *level of* security charges;

*Amendment*

(e) forecasts of the *situation at the airport as regards the* security charges, *traffic growth and proposed investments*;

Or. en

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

## Amendment 25

### Proposal for a directive Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall ensure that airport users submit information to the *managing* body before every consultation, as provided for in Article 4, concerning in particular:

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall ensure that airport users submit information to the *competent* body before every consultation, as provided for in Article 4, concerning in particular:

Or. en

## Amendment 26

### Proposal for a directive Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(da) the amount of the security charge levied by airport users on passengers departing from the airport and information on the components serving as a basis for determining these charges in accordance with points (a) to (f) of*

**paragraph 1.**

Or. en

*Justification*

*Certain security measures as defined in Regulation 2008/300 are taken by air carriers. To increase the transparency of the costs of these measures it is in the interest of the end consumer, i.e. the passenger, so that the cost-relatedness of these surcharges is guaranteed.*

**Amendment 27**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 5 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(2a) Subject to national legislation, the information provided on the basis of this Article shall be regarded as confidential or economically sensitive and handled accordingly. In the case of airport managing bodies that are quoted on a stock exchange, stock exchange regulations in particular shall be complied with.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 28**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 6 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Impact assessments***

***More stringent measures***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Amendment linked to the next one. No need for impact assessment, if more stringent and expensive measures are paid by the Member States.*

**Amendment 29**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 6 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. ***Before adopting*** more stringent measures pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 300/2008, ***Member States shall undertake an impact assessment with regard to the effects on the level of security charges.***

***With regard to more stringent national measures already existing on [the date of entry into force of this Directive], Member States shall undertake impact assessments during a transitional period of three years from the date of entry into force of this Directive.***

*Amendment*

1. ***The additional costs of implementing*** more stringent measures pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 300/2008 ***shall be borne by the Member States.***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Proposal for a directive  
Article 6 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. ***Member States shall inform the Commission and consult airport users in accordance with Article 4 about the outcome of the impact assessments provided for in paragraph 1.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Linked to Amendment 29.*

**Amendment 31**

**Proposal for a directive**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) In compliance with national law, this Directive shall not prevent the national independent supervisory authority from delegating, under its supervision and full responsibility, the implementation of this Directive to other independent supervisory authorities, provided that implementation takes place in accordance with the same standards.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*In compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, it is essential to have the possibility to delegate the powers of the national supervisory authority to regional authorities in charge of the economic regulation of airports in federal systems. Alignment with the EU Airport Charges Directive 2009/12.*

**Amendment 32**

**Proposal for a directive**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall guarantee the independence of the independent supervisory authority by ensuring that it is legally distinct from and functionally independent of any ***airport managing*** body ***and*** air carrier. Member States that retain ownership or control of airports, airport managing bodies or air carriers shall ensure effective structural separation of the regulatory function from activities

2. Member States shall guarantee the independence of the independent supervisory authority by ensuring that it is legally distinct from and functionally independent of any ***competent*** body ***or*** air carrier. Member States that retain ownership or control of airports, airport managing bodies or air carriers shall ensure effective structural separation of the regulatory function from activities

associated with ownership or control. Member States shall ensure that the independent supervisory authority exercises its powers impartially and transparently.

associated with ownership or control. Member States shall ensure that the independent supervisory authority exercises its powers impartially and transparently.

Or. en

### Amendment 33

#### Proposal for a directive Article 8 – paragraph 4 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) establish a procedure for resolving disagreements between the **airport managing** body and the airport users;

*Amendment*

(a) establish a procedure for resolving disagreements between the **competent** body and the airport users;

Or. en

### Amendment 34

#### Proposal for a directive Article 10 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive **by [...] at the latest**. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

*Amendment*

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive **before ...**\*. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

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**\*OJ: Please insert the date 2 years after the entry into force of this Directive.**

Or. en

## **Amendment 35**

### **Proposal for a directive Article 10 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(2a) In so far as no security charges are levied at any airport in a Member State, and without prejudice to Article 9(2), that Member State shall not be required to comply with paragraphs 1 and 2.***

Or. en

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Your rapporteur largely supports the Commission proposal which seeks to establish a number of basic principles to be respected when determining security charges. These are: non-discrimination, consultation and remedy, transparency and cost-relatedness of security charges and establishment of a supervisory authority.

The proposed amendments may be summarised as follows:

### **1) Financing (Amendments 1, 3, 28, 29 and 30)**

Parliament had repeatedly called in vain for the financing of security charges to be regulated, particularly in the negotiations on Regulation (EC) 300/2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) 2320/2002 (Costa report) and on Directive 2009/12 on airport charges (Stockmann report).

Parliament called for transparency and for security taxes and charges to be related to their purpose and considered that Member States should cover the costs of imposing stricter measures, in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 300/2008.

As already explained in the working document, the Commission was unwilling or unable to address this issue. It only attempts to restrict costs or at least to make them comprehensible (see Article 6 of the proposal) through a new mandatory economic impact assessment of more stringent national measures. However, your rapporteur proposes that, where these more stringent measures result in additional costs, they should be borne by Member States. In this case no mandatory impact assessment would be necessary, since each Member State would think very hard about whether these measures were necessary, if it was unable to pass the costs on to passengers.

The terrorist incident a few weeks ago has again shown that airport security is the responsibility of States and that the purpose of existing and newly envisaged security measures is to prevent acts of terrorism. However, one point that has not so far been raised in the debate on the matter is the fact that it is ultimately passengers who foot the bill for such measures.

### **2) Consumer protection and passengers' rights (Amendments 9, 10, 15 and 26)**

The Commission proposal sets out basic principles and procedures applicable to the body responsible for security and the airlines. Relations between airport users and passengers are governed by Regulation (EC) 1008/2008. Article 23 on passengers' right to information and non-discrimination contains provisions giving passengers the right to have the actual cost of security shown separately in the final price. But how can passengers be sure that they are paying the actual price agreed between the competent body and the airlines in accordance with Article 4 of this proposal for a directive? And what steps can be taken to ensure that the additional security charges levied by the airlines are transparent?

Your rapporteur takes the view that it will be easier to enforce Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 with the proposed amendments. On the one hand, it is proposed that passenger

and consumer protection organisations should take part in the consultations and thus gain an insight into the pricing of security measures which they can then check against the ticket price. On the other hand, the amended or new definitions of security charges and aviation security are intended to show that airlines too are taking security measures. Where airlines charge these security measures to passengers as additional costs, this information should be provided under the terms of Article 5 of the proposal for a directive.

### **3) Scope of the directive (Amendments 4, 7 and 35)**

The Commission proposes that the directive should apply to practically all EU airports in line with Regulation (EC) No 300/2008. However, negotiations in the Council working party show that this is a very controversial issue. Some Member States would prefer to see the directive apply only to airports with more than two or five million passengers (in line with the Directive on ground-handling service at airports and airport charges). Your rapporteur would like to point out that the directive must only be implemented in those Member States which levy security charges. Furthermore, it is intended to apply only in airports licensed for commercial traffic (no aviation clubs).

### **4) Harmonisation of the Commission proposal with Directive 2009/12/EC on airport charges (Amendments 2, 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 and 31)**

The Commission proposal draws heavily on the Directive on airport charges. The amendments seek, as far as possible and desirable, to harmonise the two legal texts. Your rapporteur believes that this will not only facilitate transposition into national legislation, but also prevent unnecessary parallel proceedings and administrative costs at the implementation stage.