

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIR TRANSPORT, AIR & SPACE LAW AND REGULATION

Session Six: *THE LIBERALIZATION OF AIR TRANSPORT: GOVERNMENT REGULATION, BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL AND NOW "UNILATERAL".*

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Speaking Notes of Vijay Poonosamy, Vice President International Affairs, Etihad Airways

- *Air Transport as catalyst to socio-economic growth.
- *Air Transport also dependent on socio- economic growth.
- *With the global economy in trouble so are the airlines.
- *We must all do what it takes to boost travel and tourism.
- *We must undo and refrain from doing anything that inhibits travel and tourism.
- *All ill-advised and counter productive national or regional taxes, fees, charges and restrictions on aviation should be suspended.
- *Traffic rights restrictions should be removed.
- *The June 2006 Intervistas Report on the Economic Impact of Air Service Liberalization.
- *World Travel & Tourism Council Report
- *World Economic Forum Report
- *Call for air transport liberalization