

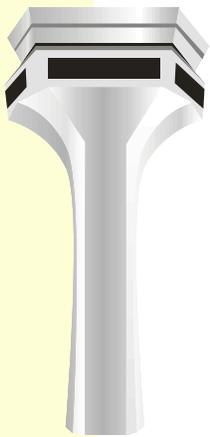
Agenda Item 3

Airport Charges on Air Traffic and Their Collection

Charges and taxes

Charge

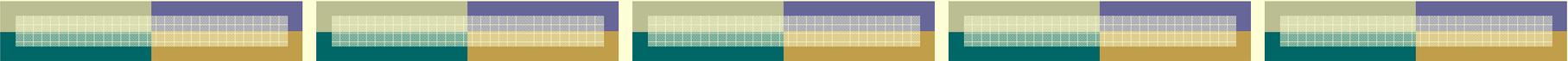
to defray the costs
of providing
facilities and
services



Tax

to raise government
revenues not
applied to civil
aviation in their
entirety or on a cost-
specific basis





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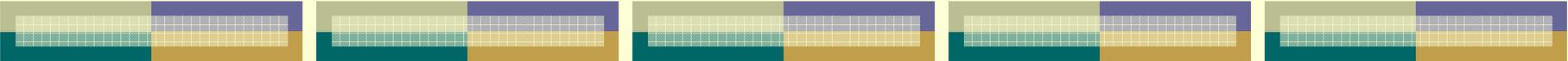
Airport Charging Principles

- Simple
- Safety not affected
- Sound accounting principles, incl. other economic principles
- Non-discriminatory
- Preferential charges do not penalize other users
- Increases be gradual
- A single charge if possible
- Reasonable for General aviation

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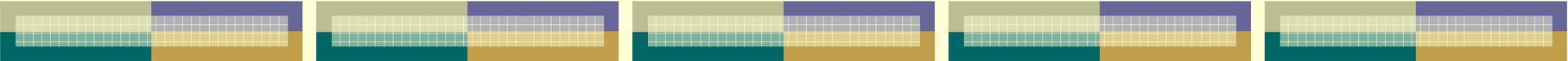
Factors influencing charges

- Full/partial cost recovery
- Application of economic principles
- Discounts, rebates, reductions

Setting individual charges

- Cost basis for the next financial year
- Traffic forecast
 - Number of aircraft movements
 - MTOW
 - Time of arrival
 - Departing passengers (international and domestic)
 - Cargo
 - Duration of stay by aircraft size
- Unit costs





Collection of charges

- Bill periodically as soon as feasible
- Billing at landing/take off (not recommended for regular operators)
- Invoice must provide necessary information incl. terms of payment (due date and penalty interest)
 - Sample in Appendix 4

Collection of passenger service charges

Billed together with landing charge

- Eliminate facilitation problems
- Reduce costs of collection
- Improve control and audit of revenues



Direct collection from passengers

- Collected by the airline or the airport
- Money received immediately

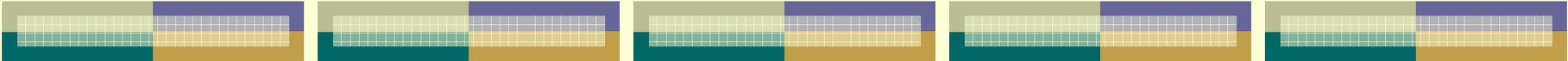
Collection problems

Domestic debtor:

- Seizure of aircraft
- Prevent take-off

Foreign debtor:

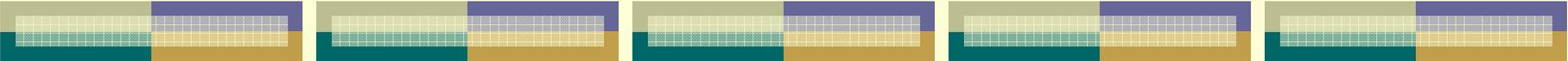
- Payment before departure
- Appoint an agent
- Guarantees



Recommended principles on consultation with users

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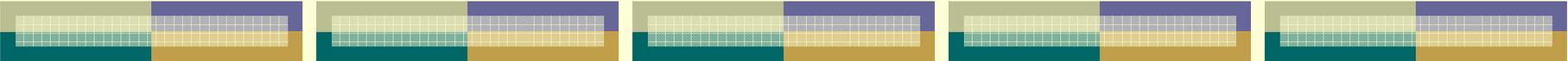
- Before changes in charging systems or levels of charges
- Purpose: to consider the views of the users and the effects on them
- Aim: to reach an agreement
- Airports free to impose the changes
- Users' right to appeal to an independent body (first resort mechanism)



Consultation with users (cont.)

Dispute resolution

- Before disputes enter the international arena
- Neutral and flexible
- Conciliation or mediation rather than full arbitration
- Part of an independent mechanism for economic regulation or separate



Discussion

- Collection problems?
- Procedures for consultations?