

Media Release

Airports Urge States and Other Stakeholders to Work Collaboratively through ICAO to Reach Agreement on Market Based Measures to Reduce Aviation's Impact on the Environment

Montréal, Québec, CANADA, 18 September 2012 – At the 22nd ACI World General Assembly in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the world's airports unanimously supported a resolution to urge states, all sectors of industry and other stakeholders to work collaboratively and provide their renewed commitment to work through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to reach agreement on a single global market based measure to reduce aviation's impact on the environment before the 38th ICAO Assembly. The world's airports also recognized the contributions that airports can make to being part of the solution.

Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World stated, "The sustainable growth of aviation is essential to the future social and economic growth of communities worldwide and to facilitate greater cooperation and understanding among the world's citizens and states. With agreement reached by the world's airports to work with and through ICAO towards a solution to minimize the global environmental impact of aviation, the airport community has spoken and asserted that there is no other party better suited to this task".

SUPPORTING FACTS

- The 37th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) agreed in its Resolution A37-19 "Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection — Climate change" to work on a global system for market based measures and a framework for their implementation;
- The 21st ACI World General Assembly called for urgent action to avert trade conflict over emissions trading and called upon ICAO and all parties to expedite their work;
- The ICAO Council agreed to accelerate its work to develop a single global market based measure together with a framework for integration of measures should that also be required, and thereby welcomes the renewed commitment from the States to seeking a global solution and the support from all sectors of industry and other stakeholders to that end;
- Airport Council International developed the Airport Carbon Accreditation and ACERT (the Airport Carbon and Emissions Reporting Tool) as a demonstration of the commitment of ACI toward taking action to reduce carbon emissions.

About Airports Council International

ACI is the only worldwide association of airports. It is a non-profit organization whose prime purpose is to represent the interests of airports and to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations. ACI has 580 members who operate over 1672 airports in 173 countries and territories.

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