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Passenger traffic continues on upward trajectory at 5% growth year over year in August

Montréal, 05 October 2012 – All regions posted strong year-over-year gains in passenger traffic in August 2012 although a major source of the sustained expansion in passenger traffic continues to be primarily from emerging markets. Major Asian airports such as Jakarta (CGK), Bangkok (BKK) and Singapore (SIN) each experienced double digit gains of +25.7%, +11.4%, +10.9% respectively. Moving westward, the airports of Dubai (DXB) and Istanbul (IST) also posted remarkable growth over +20% for the month of August. With the on-going uncertainty and fiscal challenges that hang over European and North American economies, the overall global freight markets remain sluggish as total freight was almost flat at +0.6% in August 2011. Although modest gains in freight traffic were observed in certain regions, Europe experienced a decline of -1.2% in traffic. The major freight hubs of Paris (CDG), Amsterdam (AMS) and Frankfurt (FRA) experienced declines of -10.2%, -4.1% and -4,0% respectively. Asia-Pacific also recorded weak performance in freight traffic with a year over growth of +0.4%.

ACI World's Economics Director Rafael Echevarne commented, "On the whole, growth in passenger traffic has remained relatively consistent from month to month with overall growth rates in the realm of +4% over the last twelve months. Thus, air transport has been immune to the downside risks that have persisted in the global economy throughout 2011 and 2012. However, even with strong demand in emerging markets fuelling this growth, this phenomenon is not indefinite. Global air freight, on the other hand, is in a standstill with respect to growth in freight volumes from 2011. The evident contraction in European traffic is contributing to the overall lacklustre performance in air freight."

TABLE 1: SUMMARY WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC RESULTS, August 2012 (% CHANGE)			
	August 2012 Over August 2011	Year to date 2012	12-month rolling year
PaxFlash			
International passenger	5.7	5.6	5.4
Domestic passenger	3.5	3.6	3.4
Total passenger	4.5	4.5	4.3
FreightFlash			
International freight	0.4	(1.4)	(1.7)
Domestic freight	1.3	(0.2)	(0.7)
Total freight	0.6	(1.1)	(1.6)

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Notes for editors

1. Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide association of airports, has 580 member airport authorities, which operate over 1,650 airports in 179 countries. ACI's mission is to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations, and this mandate is carried out through the organization's multiple training opportunities, as well as the customer service benchmarking programme, a wide range of conferences, industry statistical products and best practice publications.

2. PaxFlash and FreightFlash statistics are based on a significant sample of airports that provide regular monthly reports to ACI. They represent approximately 60% of total passenger traffic and 70% of total freight traffic worldwide. Commentary, tables and charts are based on preliminary data submitted by participating airports and are therefore subject to change.

3. Regional results and trend graphics are provided on the following pages.

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TABLE 2: PaxFlash Summary – August 2012

Regions	AUGUST 2012 (000s)	% YOY	YTD AUGUST 2012 (000s)	% YOY	YE thru AUGUST 2012 (000s)	% YOY
International Passengers						
AFR	8 186	23.1	49 408	14.3	73 263	5.5
ASP	40 018	8.6	297 632	9.9	436 938	8.6
EUR	101 416	2.8	640 364	3.1	939 134	3.9
LAC	6 484	(0.2)	54 344	4.2	78 751	5.3
MEA	10 967	16.9	80 123	12.5	116 912	10.4
NAM	19 645	4.8	137 855	3.1	198 373	3.1
ACI TOTAL	186 715	5.7	1 259 725	5.6	1 843 371	5.4
Domestic Passengers						
AFR	2 782	0.8	22 162	0.3	34 085	(1.0)
ASP	54 963	5.2	402 237	6.6	600 596	6.3
EUR	25 097	(0.7)	182 660	(0.4)	275 581	0.8
LAC	17 669	8.0	134 877	8.9	198 733	8.6
MEA						
NAM	89 688	2.9	660 312	2.1	975 596	1.6
ACI TOTAL	190 199	3.5	1 402 248	3.6	2 084 590	3.4
Total Passengers						
AFR	11 109	16.5	72 556	9.4	108 869	3.2
ASP	96 102	6.6	707 840	7.9	1 049 538	7.1
EUR	127 248	2.2	827 598	2.3	1 221 309	3.2
LAC	24 639	5.0	193 578	6.9	284 077	7.1
MEA	11 349	16.2	83 366	11.8	122 095	10.0
NAM	109 496	3.1	799 651	2.3	1 176 190	1.9
ACI TOTAL	379 943	4.5	2 684 587	4.5	3 962 077	4.3

Traffic table definitions:
PASSENGER TRAFFIC: departing + arriving passengers (000s)
INTERNATIONAL: traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory
DOMESTIC: traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory
TOTAL: international + domestic passengers + direct transit passengers counted once (when breakdown is available)
Regional summaries and totals are calculated from a representative sample. The values in 000s do not represent the entire global coverage of airports.

YOY   Year over year same month comparison
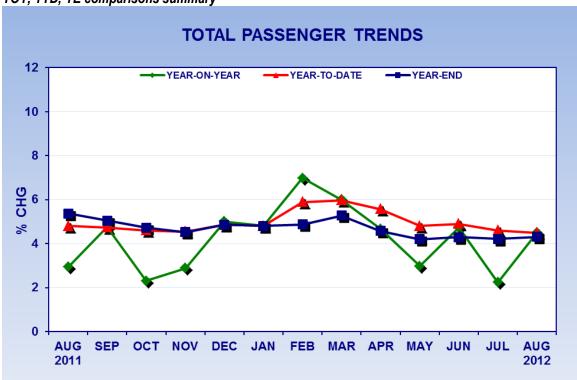YTD   Year to date, starting January 2012, compared to same period previous year
YE   Year end, based on rolling 12 month period, compared to same prior 12 month period

AFR – Africa	EUR – Europe	MEA – Middle East
ASP – Asia Pacific (including India)	LAC – Latin America and Caribbean	NAM – North America

YOY, YTD, YE comparisons summary

TOTAL PASSENGER TRENDS

Month by month comparison with same month previous year

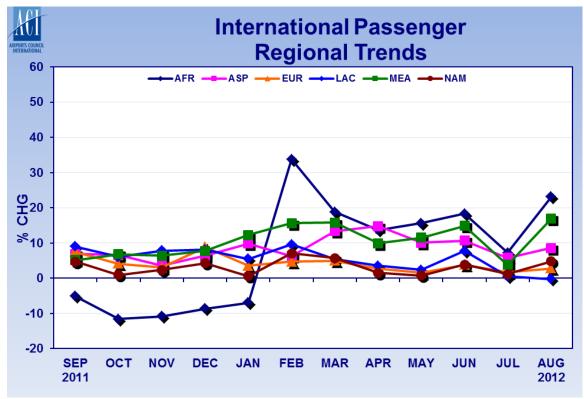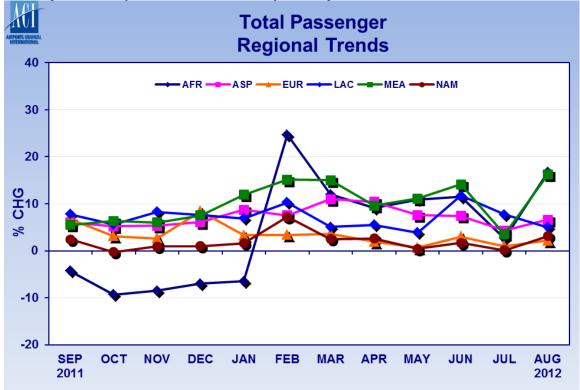**World Passenger Trends**

Month by month comparison with same month previous year

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TABLE 3: FreightFlash Summary – August 2012

Regions	AUGUST 2012	% YOY	YTD AUGUST 2012	% YOY	YE thru AUGUST 2012	% YOY
International Freight						
AFR	42.7	10.9	347.1	4.1	530.0	6.9
ASP	1 612.7	0.2	13 055.5	(1.1)	19 748.2	(2.3)
EUR	1 076.3	(1.2)	8 562.8	(3.5)	11 113.6	(2.8)
LAC*	153.7	1.9	1 234.7	(0.1)	1 917.1	2.0
MEA	327.9	0.1	2 681.3	2.9	4 020.6	2.1
NAM	564.1	2.8	4 457.0	(1.2)	6 745.3	(1.8)
ACI TOTAL	3 777.4	0.4	30 338.5	(1.4)	44 074.8	(1.7)
Domestic Freight						
AFR	2.9	(12.2)	25.0	4.4	29.2	9.6
ASP	542.5	1.0	4 002.7	0.7	6 238.1	1.2
EUR	55.3	(3.4)	415.7	(1.5)	597.8	(0.5)
LAC*	68.2	7.0	555.6	(1.1)	869.1	0.1
MEA						
NAM	1 092.7	1.4	8 253.5	(0.5)	12 567.3	(1.6)
ACI TOTAL	1 761.6	1.3	13 252.4	(0.2)	20 301.6	(0.7)
Total Freight						
AFR	49.6	6.7	407.2	3.5	611.0	6.3
ASP	2 155.2	0.4	17 058.4	(0.7)	25 988.6	(1.5)
EUR	1 145.0	(1.2)	9 315.4	(3.3)	14 232.1	(3.4)
LAC*	221.9	3.4	1 790.3	(0.4)	2 786.1	1.4
MEA	327.9	0.1	2 682.2	2.9	4 022.0	2.1
NAM	1 694.4	1.6	12 974.0	(1.0)	19 707.4	(1.9)
ACI TOTAL	5 594.1	0.6	44 227.5	(1.1)	67 347.3	(1.6)

Traffic table definitions:
FREIGHT TRAFFIC: loaded and unloaded freight; data in metric tonnes
INTERNATIONAL: traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory
DOMESTIC: traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory
TOTAL: international + domestic freight (when breakdown is available)
Note: No domestic freight traffic is reported by airports in the Middle East region.
Data estimated for Brazilian airports
Regional summaries and totals are calculated from a representative sample. The values in 000s do not represent the entire global coverage of airports.

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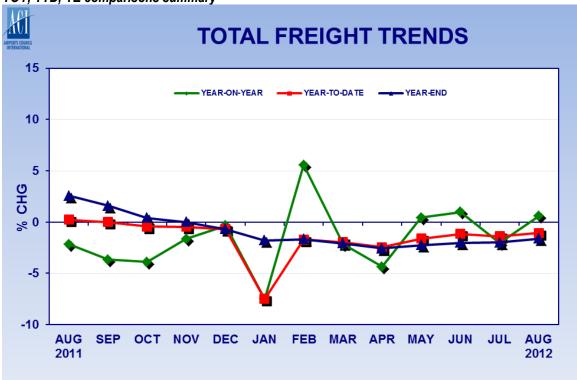YTD   Year to date, starting January 2012, compared to same period previous year
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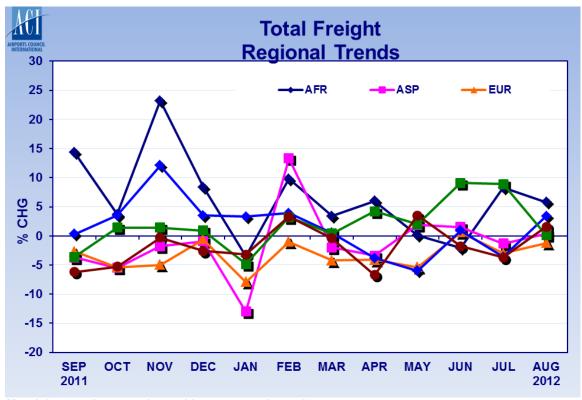|		
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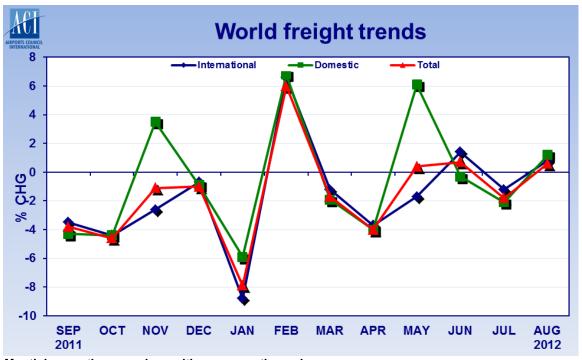
Freight Traffic Trend Charts

YOY, YTD, YE comparisons summary

TOTAL FREIGHT TRENDS

Month by month comparison with same month previous year

World freight trends

Month by month comparison with same month previous year

Total Freight Regional Trends

Month by month comparison with same month previous year

International Freight Regional Trends

Month by month comparison with same month previous year

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