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Enduring growth of 4.7% in passenger traffic for the month of May

Montréal, 8 July 2013 – The month of May was a banner month for the world's top airports. Of the top twenty airports ranked by passenger traffic, only two airports experienced year over year declines in passenger numbers. Overall passenger traffic increased by +4.7% in May across the globe. Airports also reported a significant increase of +6.9% in international passenger traffic whereas domestic passenger traffic increased by +2.8% as compared to May 2012. International traffic remains buoyant in the Middle East particularly at key hubs around the region. For instance, Dubai (DXB) and Istanbul (IST) continue along their relentless growth path achieving double digit growth over +18% for the month of May. Moving further east, Kuala Lumpur (KUL) achieved remarkable growth of +22.3% in May.

Air freight continues to maintain a sluggish pace with virtually no growth in the volume of traffic worldwide. International freight was flat for the month, while domestic freight traffic decreased by -1.1%. From June 2012 to May 2013, total freight volume increased only slightly by +0.3%. In analysing the world's top twenty airports with respect to freight traffic, as much as 60% of these airports faced year-over-year declines in air freight traffic. Jakarta (CGK) and Dubai (DXB) are the only hubs among the world's top airports to experience significant gains of +18.3% and 11.9% respectively.

ACI World's Economics Director, Rafael Echevarne commented, "International travel is poised for continued growth, as we approach the high season for vacations over the holiday months. All regions recorded robust growth rates in international passenger traffic. Although Europe's domestic market contracted in May, international traffic remains strong with growth close to +7%. Nevertheless, with regards to air freight, emerging markets are faced with weaker demand from North America and Europe. As a result, we are witnessing slowing growth or declines at major air freight exporters across Asia-Pacific. With a strong recovery in the Eurozone doubtful in the short run, the sluggishness in the air freight market will persist."

TABLE 1: SUMMARY WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC RESULTS, May 2013 (% CHANGE)			
	May 2013 Over May 2012	Year to date 2013	12-month rolling year
PaxFlash			
International passenger	**6.9**	**4.7**	**4.5**
Domestic passenger	**2.8**	**1.6**	**1.6**
Total passenger	**4.7**	**3.0**	**2.9**
FreightFlash			
International freight	**(0.0)**	**(0.4)**	**(0.4)**
Domestic freight	**(1.1)**	**1.2**	**0.7**
Total freight	**(0.4)**	**0.1**	**0.3**

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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 – May 2013						
Regions	MAY 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YTD MAY 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YE thru MAY 2013 (000s)	% YOY
International Passengers						
AFR	5 810	10.5	28 026	8.0	70 840	8.3
ASP	36 952	7.0	188 574	7.4	440 553	7.3
EUR	88 737	6.6	354 838	2.8	955 995	2.6
LAC	8 077	5.9	44 193	2.8	101 128	3.6
MEA	9 978	12.6	50 223	12.0	119 225	11.2
NAM	17 287	4.2	82 335	3.0	201 611	3.2
ACI TOTAL	166 841	6.9	748 190	4.7	1 889 352	4.5
Domestic Passengers						
AFR	2 801	(0.6)	14 094	(1.2)	34 238	(1.8)
ASP	57 099	5.1	276 302	3.9	645 805	3.2
EUR	23 513	(2.4)	103 901	(3.6)	267 707	(3.2)
LAC	18 807	8.6	92 944	6.4	224 830	8.4
MEA						
NAM	87 482	1.8	399 936	0.6	993 229	0.6
ACI TOTAL	189 702	2.8	887 177	1.6	2 165 808	1.6
Total Passengers						
AFR	8 786	7.2	42 798	4.8	106 820	4.9
ASP	94 860	5.7	469 168	5.2	1 096 754	4.8
EUR	112 555	4.5	460 270	1.3	1 227 771	1.3
LAC	27 554	7.4	140 747	4.9	334 804	6.6
MEA	10 392	12.3	52 146	11.5	123 865	10.6
NAM	105 186	2.4	483 228	1.1	1 198 263	1.1
ACI TOTAL	359 333	4.7	1 648 356	3.0	4 088 276	2.9

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

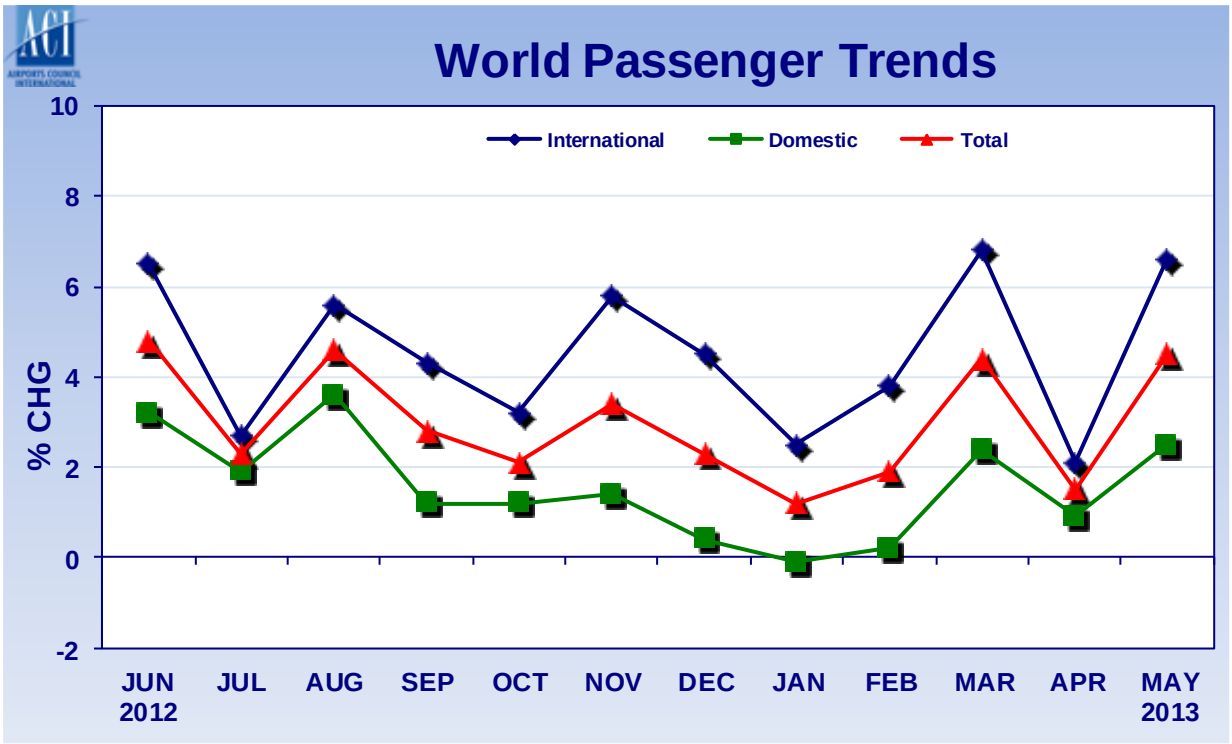
TOTAL: international + domestic passengers + direct transit passengers counted once (when breakdown is available)

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 2013 to May 2013, 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

Passenger Traffic Growth Trends



Month by month comparison with same month previous year

TABLE 3: FreightFlash Summary – May 2013						
Regions	MAY 2013	% YOY	YTD MAY 2013	% YOY	YE thru MAY 2013	% YOY
International Freight						
AFR	45.7	7.5	212.4	(3.4)	538.2	(0.6)
ASP	1 547.4	(1.1)	7 435.5	(2.2)	18 428.3	(0.5)
EUR	1 162.2	(2.0)	5 686.0	(1.1)	13 961.4	(1.6)
LAC	167.1	0.9	780.5	(1.6)	1 959.1	(1.5)
MEA	330.8	7.7	1 600.3	8.8	3 829.7	7.0
NAM	622.1	1.9	2 932.4	1.6	6 845.4	(0.7)
ACI TOTAL	3 875.3	(0.0)	18 647.2	(0.4)	45 562.1	(0.4)
Domestic Freight						
AFR	3.7	7.4	15.3	(12.4)	32.3	(6.2)
ASP	540.3	(0.6)	2 639.3	3.1	6 509.3	3.0
EUR	55.5	(3.8)	264.9	(1.7)	662.0	(1.5)
LAC	65.7	8.1	297.0	3.6	760.9	4.5
MEA						
NAM	1 076.1	(1.7)	5 236.5	0.4	12 782.3	(0.5)
ACI TOTAL	1 741.3	(1.1)	8 453.0	1.2	20 746.7	0.7
Total Freight						
AFR	55.1	7.4	257.0	(3.0)	640.7	(0.5)
ASP	2 087.8	(1.0)	10 075.0	(0.9)	24 938.6	0.4
EUR	1 228.8	(2.1)	6 005.8	(1.1)	14 794.6	(1.5)
LAC	232.8	2.8	1 077.5	(0.3)	2 720.5	0.1
MEA	330.9	7.7	1 600.9	8.8	3 831.1	7.0
NAM	1 731.8	(0.4)	8 327.1	0.8	20 403.3	0.6
ACI TOTAL	5 667.1	(0.4)	27 343.3	0.1	67 328.8	0.3

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.
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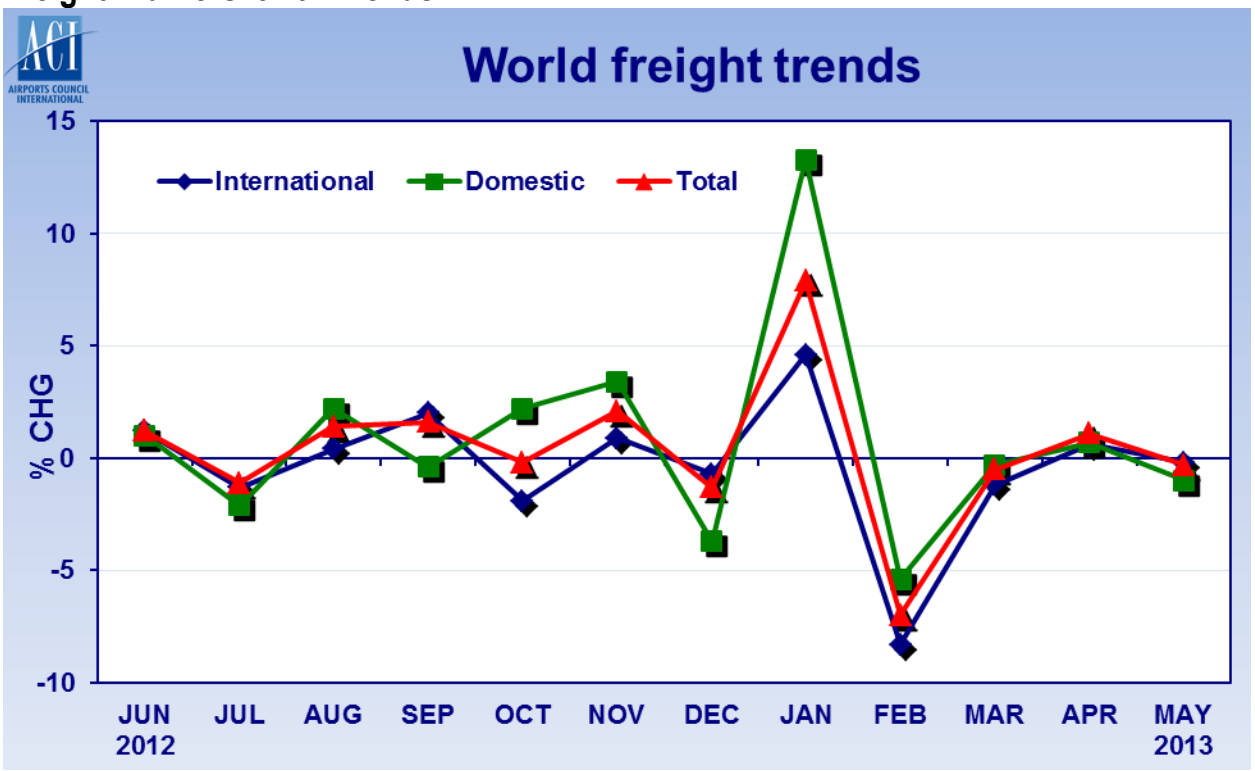
Freight Traffic Growth Trends



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