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Global passenger traffic posts strong performance in March with growth of 4.6%

Montréal, 10 May 2013 – The market for international travel remains buoyant for the month of March. The Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific all posted double digit gains in international passenger traffic of +16.4, +14.1 and +10.9 percent respectively. Although overall passenger traffic grew by +4.6 percent, domestic traffic showed signs of weakness for some regions for the month of March. On an aggregate basis, domestic traffic increased by +2.6 percent. With the ongoing economic slowdown across Europe, domestic passenger traffic saw a decline of -5.9 percent. However, Istanbul (IST) remains unperturbed by the European economy, as its passenger traffic grew by +23.8 percent.

Freight traffic continues to exhibit signs of weakness with an overall year over year decline of -1 percent. Every region posted decreases in the volume of freight traffic except for the Middle East, which posted gains of +8.7 percent. Amidst the global slowdown, Dubai (DXB) was still able to attain growth of +14.7 percent. The top three freight hubs in the world, Hong Kong (HKG), Memphis (MEM) and Shanghai (PVG), all experienced declines of -2.2, -1.4 and -3 percent respectively.

ACI World's Economics Director Rafael Echevarne commented, "With the general downturn in business activity across major economies, the result is a systemic slowdown in the volume of goods shipped by air. Other indicators reinforce this fact such as Markit's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), which measures supplier deliveries, inventory levels and new orders. Results of the index show a decline in the first quarter with respect to the Eurozone. The international passenger, on the other hand, continues to show resilience month after month. In essence, it is the international travel markets, especially in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, that are keeping the aviation sector afloat during these uncertain times."

TABLE 1: SUMMARY WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC RESULTS, March 2013 (% CHANGE)			
	March 2013 Over March 2012	Year to date 2013	12-month rolling year
PaxFlash			
International passenger	**7.3**	**4.9**	**4.8**
Domestic passenger	**2.6**	**1.4**	**1.6**
Total passenger	**4.6**	**2.9**	**3.1**
FreightFlash			
International freight	**(1.0)**	**(1.1)**	**(0.9)**
Domestic freight	**(0.8)**	**2.1**	**0.9**
Total freight	**(1.0)**	**(0.1)**	**(0.1)**

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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 – March 2013						
Regions	MARCH 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YTD MARCH 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YE thru MARCH 2013 (000s)	% YOY
International Passengers						
AFR	6 256	14.1	17 095	8.4	75 646	10.7
ASP	41 998	10.9	119 965	8.6	459 546	8.7
EUR	72 107	4.4	188 352	2.0	947 576	2.3
LAC	8 608	4.8	24 729	2.3	89 967	3.2
MEA	10 376	16.4	29 717	13.5	112 433	12.6
NAM	18 001	5.1	48 419	3.2	200 702	2.9
ACI TOTAL	157 346	7.3	428 277	4.9	1 885 871	4.8
Domestic Passengers						
AFR	2 963	0.3	8 202	(2.0)	33 703	(2.4)
ASP	52 230	8.1	148 202	4.7	574 512	3.7
EUR	21 052	(5.9)	57 785	(5.2)	267 068	(3.1)
LAC	17 712	6.9	52 022	5.2	210 230	7.9
MEA						
NAM	85 881	0.9	229 269	0.3	987 576	0.7
ACI TOTAL	179 838	2.6	495 480	1.4	2 073 089	1.6
Total Passengers						
AFR	9 356	9.4	25 693	4.8	110 966	6.2
ASP	94 613	9.3	269 531	6.4	1 029 692	5.8
EUR	93 483	1.9	247 061	0.3	1 218 711	1.1
LAC	26 731	5.7	78 079	3.8	305 724	6.0
MEA	10 568	15.4	30 282	12.6	114 720	12.0
NAM	103 916	1.5	277 827	0.8	1 190 403	1.0
ACI TOTAL	338 668	4.6	928 473	2.9	3 970 217	3.1

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)

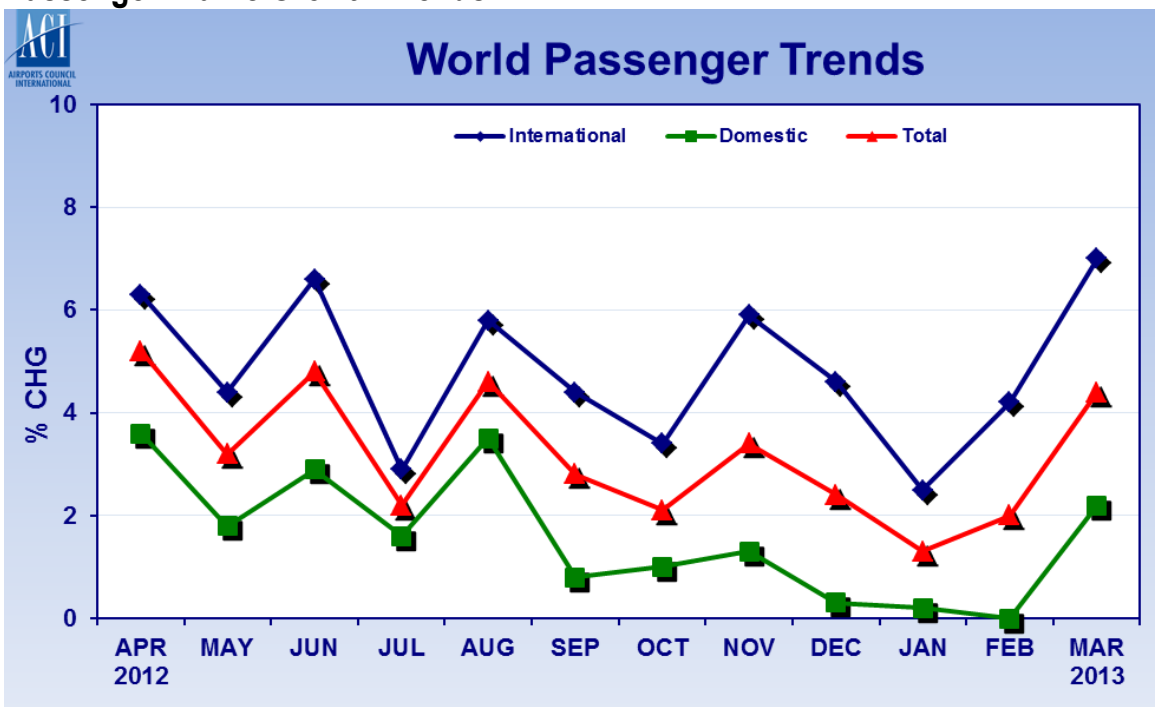
Regional summaries and totals are calculated from a representative sample. The values in 000s do not represent the entire global coverage of airports.

YOY Year over year same month comparison
YTD Year to date, starting March 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	LAC – Latin America and	NAM – North America

India)	Caribbean	

Passenger Traffic Growth Trends



Month by month comparison with same month previous year

TABLE 3: FreightFlash Summary – March 2013						
Regions	MARCH 2013	% YOY	YTD MARCH 2013	% YOY	YE thru MARCH 2013	% YOY
International Freight						
AFR	42.3	(5.4)	112.9	(7.1)	486.0	(1.0)
ASP	1 776.8	(2.0)	4 653.7	(2.8)	19 722.5	(0.6)
EUR	1 247.4	(1.3)	3 347.2	(1.3)	13 937.4	(2.3)
LAC	171.7	(2.3)	454.1	(4.4)	1 961.2	(2.3)
MEA	354.5	8.7	955.7	9.8	3 842.2	5.7
NAM	609.4	(1.9)	1 651.5	0.2	6 619.6	(2.2)
ACI TOTAL	4 202.1	(1.0)	11 175.2	(1.1)	46 568.9	(0.9)
Domestic Freight						
AFR	3.9	(15.0)	9.2	(12.0)	34.4	(1.0)
ASP	553.9	1.7	1 490.4	5.0	6 208.5	3.2
EUR	55.3	(6.5)	152.9	(2.9)	658.9	(2.2)
LAC	64.8	4.7	167.1	0.3	739.5	1.7
MEA						
NAM	1 068.9	(2.0)	3 035.0	1.1	12 378.7	(0.1)
ACI TOTAL	1 746.8	(0.8)	4 854.6	2.1	20 020.0	0.9
Total Freight						
AFR	51.8	(5.2)	136.4	(6.3)	579.9	(0.8)
ASP	2 330.8	(1.1)	6 144.2	(1.0)	25 932.4	0.3
EUR	1 314.3	(1.6)	3 532.5	(1.3)	14 765.3	(2.2)
LAC	236.6	(0.5)	621.2	(3.2)	2 701.2	(1.2)
MEA	354.7	8.7	956.1	9.8	3 843.5	5.7
NAM	1 719.4	(2.1)	4 808.2	0.8	19 823.0	0.2
ACI TOTAL	6 007.5	(1.0)	16 198.6	(0.1)	67 645.4	(0.1)

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.
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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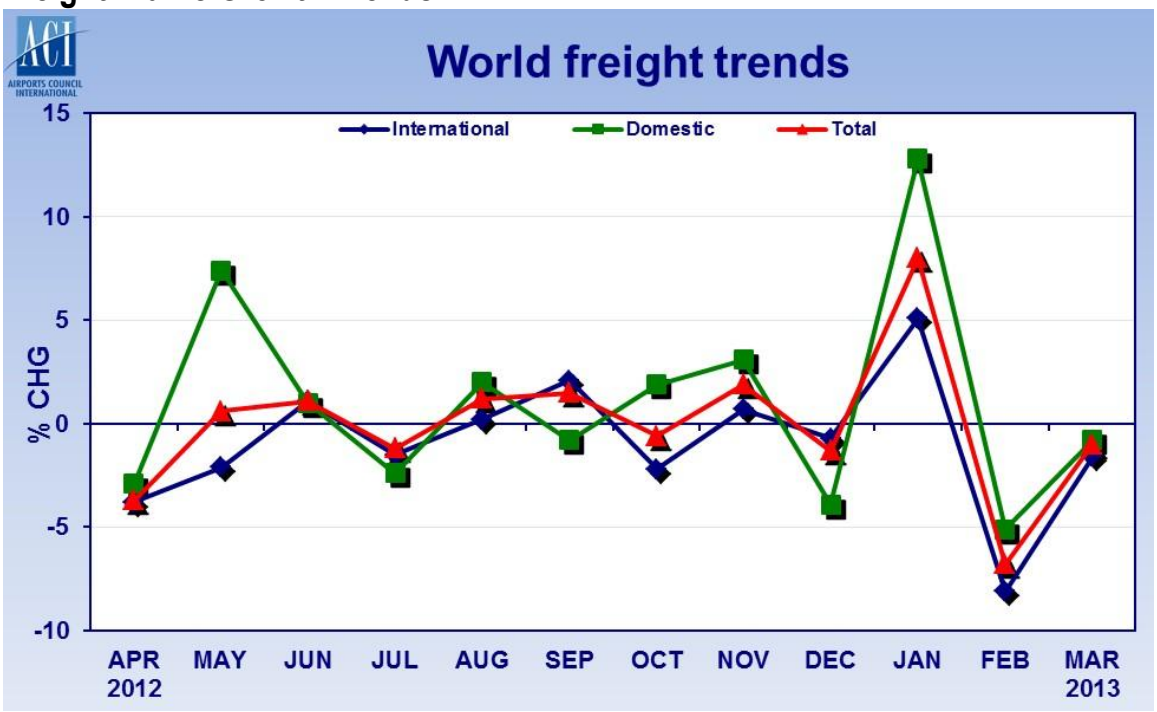
Freight Traffic Growth Trends



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