



## EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE

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#### **Statement of ECAC Directors General on International Aviation Day**

**Paris, 7 December 2017** - Having regard to the Resolution adopted by the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1996, which officially recognises 7 December as the International Civil Aviation Day in accordance with the ICAO proposal;

Having in mind that the purpose of celebrating the International Civil Aviation Day is to establish and strengthen global awareness on the important contribution of civil aviation to social and economic development;

Advocating the constant progress of civil aviation and noting forecasts of its continuous expansion;

Directors General of aviation authorities of ECAC Member States, at their 149<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7 December in Paris, adopted the following statement:

“ECAC Member States wish to express their warm congratulations to those involved, directly or indirectly, in the air transport sector on the occasion of the International Civil Aviation Day on 7 December 2017.

Civil aviation safety, security and sustainability are key goals toward which the aviation authorities gathered here today in ECAC dedicate all their attention. The forecast anticipating global passenger numbers to almost double in the next 20 years comes with great challenges. Together with the European Commission, in cooperation with ICAO and other aviation institutions, organisations and associations, aviation authorities of ECAC Member States shall be dedicated to constant improvement of the regulatory framework, its full implementation, regular control and continuous training of employees in the field of aviation. At the international and national levels, the role of the aviation industry and the cooperation that we will develop with it is of utmost importance.

ECAC Member States take the opportunity of the celebration of the International Civil Aviation Day to reiterate their commitment to the reduction of aviation-related CO2 emissions as addressed in the ICAO Resolution on CORSIA endorsed in October 2016 and initially stated in the ECAC Member States ‘Bratislava Declaration’ adopted in September 2016.

ECAC Member States will continue to be committed so that air transport, as one of the sectors undergoing the fastest global and European economic growth, may provide passengers with the best levels of comfort and simple procedures, while complying with the highest safety and security standards.”

The European Civil Aviation Conference brings together the widest grouping of States of any European organisation dealing with civil aviation, being currently composed of 44 Member States. Based in Paris, ECAC has since 1955 promoted the continued development of a safe, efficient and sustainable European air transport system. In so doing, it seeks to harmonise civil aviation policies and practices amongst its Member States, and to promote understanding on policy matters between its Member States and other regions of the world. A policy statement on "ECAC's Strategy for the Future" can be found on the [ECAC website](#).