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GACAG CALLS FOR INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF ICAO COMMITMENT TO PRODUCE A GLOBAL AIRLINE EMISSIONS PROPOSAL BY END OF 2012

A commitment by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to produce a proposal to regulate global airline emissions by the end of 2012 is a vital step forward and must be supported by the aviation industry and international governments, says the Global Air Cargo Advisory Group (GACAG).

GACAG has been highly critical of the EU's controversial Emissions Trading Scheme and has consistently campaigned for multilateral efforts to develop international Co2 emissions standards within ICAO. This is in keeping with the recommendations of The Kyoto Protocol which designated ICAO as the body with authority to set international aviation's greenhouse gas policy.

Michael Steen, Chairman of GACAG, said: "We welcome this announcement by ICAO's Secretary General, Raymond Benjamin. We will support ICAO in this initiative and push to ensure the deadline for the end of this year is achieved. GACAG urges the European Commission to 'come to the table' and to work with ICAO towards this global goal. In a recent exchange of correspondence with the EU Climate Action Commissioner, Connie Hedegaard, she stated that the EU was very much in favor of a global approach to aviation emissions but that its work to achieve this with ICAO was just too slow. Ms Hedegaard also stated that the EU remained committed to fully support global action and we now expect the EU to participate with ICAO towards a sensible

resolution. We hope this will also take into account the progress the aviation industry is making in terms of sustainability and the environment and its critical role in worldwide economic development."

Speaking at the International Aviation Club in Washington DC, ICAO's Secretary General stated that 'while there are clear differences among member states, we still have to come to a global solution'.

Earlier this month, GACAG called on the EU to draw back from implementing the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) for aviation, stating that the move would spark a divisive and ultimately costly dispute with the international community and the global aviation industry, including the air cargo sector and its customers.



About GACAG

The Global Air Cargo Advisory Group (GACAG) is an industry advisory group formed in November 2010 to ensure the air cargo industry has a strong, unified voice in its dealings with worldwide regulatory authorities and other bodies whose decisions directly impact on air cargo. The four founding members of GACAG are the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the Global Shippers' Forum (GSF), and The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA). The group has targeted four priority areas: security, e-commerce, customs and trade facilitation, and sustainability of the global air cargo industry.



About TIACA

TIACA is a not for profit trade association for the air cargo industry, pledged to support and assist progressive liberalization of the global market, and easier, enhanced trade between developing and developed economies. It is a worldwide organization that serves a membership which includes all major segments of the air cargo and logistics industry; airlines, forwarders, airports, ground handlers, all-cargo carriers, general sales agents, road carriers, customs brokers, third party logistics companies, integrators, technology and equipment providers, shippers, and educational institutions.

To accomplish its mission and role, TIACA engages in activities that are geared to improve industry cooperation, promote innovation, share knowledge, enhance quality and efficiency, and

develop educational programs. TIACA's activities are aimed to inform both the public and its membership about the role and importance of air cargo, industry developments and technical trends. TIACA is committed to representing and advocating the interests of the air cargo industry at meetings of relevant regulatory bodies including the WCO, ICAO, UNCTAD, OECD and others that are open to trade observers.



About IATA

IATA (International Air Transport Association) represents some 240 airlines comprising 84% of global air traffic. Over 60 years, IATA has developed the commercial standards that built a global industry. Today, IATA's mission is to represent, lead and serve the airline industry. IATA works with its members and global regulatory authorities to improve aviation safety, security, environmental performance and efficiency. It seeks to improve understanding of the industry among decision makers and increase awareness of the benefits that aviation brings to national and global economies. IATA can be followed at <http://twitter.com/iata2press> for news specially catered for the media.



About FIATA

FIATA, the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations was founded in Vienna, Austria on May 31, 1926. It is a non-governmental organization that today represents an industry covering approximately 40,000 forwarding and logistics firms, employing around 8-10 million people in 150 countries.

FIATA has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (inter alia ECE, ESCAP, ESCWA), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). It is recognized as representing the freight forwarding industry by many other governmental organizations, governmental authorities, private international organizations in the field of transport such as the European Commission (through CLECAT), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Union of Railways (UIC), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), etc.



About GSF

The Global Shippers' Forum is the world wide body that represents shippers and transport users internationally. The GSF comprises the major national and regional shippers' organizations in Europe, North America, Asia and Africa representing over 50 countries across the world's major trading regions.

The GSF was established to promote competitive global transport markets and supply chains to further the development of international trade and commerce. In this regard, a prime policy objective of the GSF is to promote efficient and competitive global supply chains.