

## Paris airports' CO2 achievements newly *Airport Carbon Accredited*

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**Paris, 6 December 2010:** European Commission Vice President in charge of Transport, Siim Kallas presented Aéroports de Paris with the certificates for its latest achievements within **Airport Carbon Accreditation**, at a ceremony at the company's headquarters in Paris this morning.

**Airport Carbon Accreditation** is the European standard for carbon management and reduction by airports. It is an independent, institutionally endorsed<sup>1</sup> annual certification programme, comprised of 4 progressive levels of accreditation: *Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation and Neutrality*.

**Both Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly airports** today became accredited at the 'Reduction' level, thanks to their achievements in reducing the CO2 emissions under their direct control.

**Olivier Jankovec, Director General** of European airports trade body, **ACI EUROPE** said *"With more than 80 million passengers a year, CDG and Orly are among the Top 10 airports in terms of European air traffic. Today they progress to a new level of Airport Carbon Accreditation – a result of their ongoing commitment to the challenge of climate change and a step closer to carbon neutral operations."*

He added *"Along with the latest accreditations of Zurich Airport and Prague Airport among others, this shows that Airport Carbon Accreditation continues to gain momentum, confirming the relevance and the robustness of the programme. European airports are setting an example as an industry that is working hard to genuinely reduce its CO2 emissions."*

Presenting the certificate, **Siim Kallas, European Commission Vice-President in charge of Transport** commented *"In transport, sustainability is not an 'optional extra' – it has to come as standard. We can only succeed in tackling climate change if the actions of regulators are complemented by citizens and businesses taking action of their own. With over 559,000 tonnes of CO2 reduced so far, I believe that Airport Carbon Accreditation is playing a crucial role in helping move European aviation onto a more sustainable footing."*

**Pierre Graff, President and Director General of Aéroports de Paris** said *"This certification rewards Aéroports de Paris' proactive stance in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In 2004, we produced 125,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. Today, our carbon emissions are less than 100,000 tonnes."*

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### Notes for Editors:

<sup>1</sup>The programme is administered by leading consultancy WSP Environment & Energy and overseen by an independent Advisory Board including representatives of the European Commission, ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference), EUROCONTROL and UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme).

Since the launch of the **Airport Carbon Accreditation** in June 2009, **28 airports in 15 European countries** have become accredited by the programme. These airports represent over **34%** of European air passenger traffic.

For further information about **Airport Carbon Accreditation**, including an up-to-the-minute list of accredited airports, please visit [www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/participants](http://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/participants)

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