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European passenger traffic up 3.9% during January 2010

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Brussels, 10 March 2010: Traffic figures for the beginning of the new year reveal improving signs of recovery at European airports. The overall **passenger** traffic at European airports increased by **+3.9%** in **January 2010** compared with January 2009. The overall **freight** traffic among European airports increased **+20.2%** in January 2010 when compared with the corresponding month in 2009. The overall figure for **movements** at European airports decreased **-2.2%** in January 2010 when compared with January 2009.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE commented "*These January figures confirm the improvement of the last months. However, we are still at -8.5% for passenger and -10.1% for freight compared to January 2008, so quite some distance from where we were.*"

He added "*What these figures also reveal is an increasing gap between a dynamic recovery for freight traffic and a much more modest one for passenger traffic. This mainly reflects an export-driven economic recovery for Europe, with rising unemployment and moderate domestic consumption. With airlines - especially legacy carriers - focusing on yield recovery and still wary of adding capacity, this two-speed recovery is likely to remain a pattern for the months ahead.*"

Airports welcoming more than 25 million passengers per year (Group 1), airports welcoming between 10 and 25 million passengers (Group 2), airports welcoming between 5 and 10 million passengers (Group 3) and airports welcoming less than 5 million passengers per year (Group 4) reported an average increase of **+2.2%**, **+4.1%**, **+2.4%** and **+4.2%** respectively when compared with January 2009. The same comparison of January 2010 with January 2008 demonstrates an average decrease of **-8.0%**, **-9.1%**, **-9.2%** and **-7.8%** respectively. Examples of airports that experienced the highest increase in passenger traffic per group, when comparing January 2010 with January 2009, include:

- Group 1 airports** – Istanbul (**+18.3%**), Rome FCO (**+13.5%**), Madrid-Barajas (**+9.6%**) and Frankfurt (**+3.5%**)
- Group 2 airports** – Moscow DME (**+34.1%**), Moscow SVO (**+23.2%**), Athens (**+10.6%**), Milan MXP (**+9.9%**)
- Group 3 airports** – Moscow VKO (**+36.9%**), Antalya (**+31.4%**), St Petersburg (**+27.6%**) & Milan BGY (**+15%**)
- Group 4 airports** – Ohrid (**+68.2%**), Charleroi (**+35.8%**), Brindisi (**+33.6%**) and Bari (**+29%**)

The '**ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report - January 2010**' includes **110 airports** in total. These airports represent nearly 80% of total European passenger traffic.

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