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European passenger traffic up 4% during February 2010

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Brussels, 13 April 2010: The overall **passenger** traffic at European airports continues to show signs of improvement, increasing by **+4.0%** in **February 2010** compared with February 2009. The overall **freight** traffic among European airports increased **+19.8%** in February 2010 when compared with the corresponding month in 2009. Despite the fact that these traffic figures were affected by industrial action, particularly in France and Germany*, they nevertheless confirm the improving trend registered since November 2009.

However, this latest return to growth still compares poorly with 2008 traffic levels – February 2010 passenger traffic registers a decrease of **-10.1%** when compared with February 2008, while the same comparison for freight shows a decrease of **-13.7%**.

The accumulated figure for **passenger** traffic **January to February 2010** increased by **+4.0%** compared with the corresponding period 2009. The accumulated figure for **freight** traffic during **January to December** increased by **+20.0%** and **movements** decreased by **-1.8%** during the corresponding period when compared with 2009.

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 **+2.3%**, **+3.9%**, **+2.0%** and **+5.7%** respectively when compared with February 2009. The same comparison of February 2010 with February 2008 demonstrates an average decrease of **-9.9%**, **-11.9%**, **-14.7%** and **-8.4%** respectively.

Examples of airports that experienced the highest increase in passenger traffic per group, when comparing February 2010 with February 2009, include:

- **Group 1 airports** – Istanbul (**+16%**) Rome FCO (**+7.1%**), London LHR (**+5.2%**), Amsterdam (**+5.1%**)
- **Group 2 airports** – Moscow DME (**+36.6%**), Copenhagen (**+10.5%**), Athens (**+9.7%**) and Lisbon (**+8.9%**)
- **Group 3 airports** – Moscow VKO (**+35.6%**), Milan BGY (**+12.1%**), Warsaw (**+6.7%**) and Berlin SXF (**+6.4%**)
- **Group 4 airports** – Ohrid (**+70.6%**), Brindisi (**+38.7%**), Bari (**+30.8%**) and Charleroi (**+29.9%**)

The '**ACI EUROPE Airport Traffic Report - February 2010**' includes **111 airports** in total. These airports represent nearly 80% of total European passenger traffic.

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* In France, Air Traffic Controllers went on strike for 4 days, while in Germany, Lufthansa pilots planned a 4 days strike, which was suspended after 12 hours.

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