

## **ACI EUROPE RESOLUTION**

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## 100 EUROPEAN AIRPORTS ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2030

**Noting** the commitment of the global aviation industry, represented by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), to cap net carbon emissions from aviation through carbon neutral growth as of 2020 and to halve the net aviation carbon emissions by 2050 compared to the level of 2005;

**Noting** that governments agreed at the 39<sup>th</sup> ICAO Assembly on 6 October 2016 to implement a Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) to achieve carbon neutral growth as of 2020;

**Noting** that carbon emissions generated by airport operations (energy and fuel used on site, emissions form aircraft during landing, take-off and taxiing and emissions generated by passenger and staff journeys to the airport) can account for up to 5% of total emissions from aviation:

**Noting** the Resolution of the 18<sup>th</sup> ACI EUROPE Assembly adopted in Paris on 19 June 2008, committing ACI EUROPE and its members to reduce carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their control with the ultimate target to become carbon neutral;

**Noting** the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* in Manchester on 16 June 2009, initially established as a European wide programme allowing airports to follow a common framework for the measurement, reporting and reduction of carbon emissions with the possibility of becoming carbon neutral;

**Noting** the extension of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* to all other ACI regions: Asia Pacific (2011), Africa (2013), North America (2014) and Latin America & Caribbean (2014);

**Noting** the success of *Airport Carbon Accreditation* in engaging airports to measure, report and reduce their carbon emissions with 190 airports in 56 countries participating and certified under the programme–accounting for close to 39% of global air passengers;<sup>1</sup>

**Noting** that 116 European airports participating in the programme now represent close to 65% of all European air passenger traffic<sup>2</sup>;

**Noting** that the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) that took place in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015 achieved a universal agreement on climate, with the objective of keeping global warming well below 2°C and aiming to reach 1.5°C;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of 1 June 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As of 1 June 2017

**Noting** the commitment of ACI EUROPE and its members, announced at COP21, to get 50 airports across Europe certified by *Airport Carbon Accreditation* as achieving carbon neutrality status for carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their control by 2030;

**Noting** that 27 airports in Europe have already achieved carbon neutrality status under *Airport Carbon Accreditation*<sup>3</sup>;

**Re-affirming** the commitment of the European airport industry to carbon emissions reduction, as expressed in the Resolution of the 18<sup>th</sup> ACI EUROPE Assembly in 2008;

**Wishing** to further reinforce the contribution of the European airport industry to the ambitions of the Paris Agreement and to aviation's climate action by increasing the target of 50 airports achieving carbon neutrality status under *Airport Carbon Accreditation* by 2030.

## Resolves that

- 1. ACI EUROPE and its members commit to continue to reduce carbon emissions from airport operations;
- 2. ACI EUROPE and its members commit that by 2030, 100 airports across Europe will be certified by *Airport Carbon Accreditation* as achieving carbon neutrality status for carbon emissions from airport operations fully within their control.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As of 1 June 2017