

# Media Release

## Preliminary Airport Traffic Results for 2006

**Geneva, 7 March 2007** – Airports worldwide report that in 2006 passenger traffic increased by five percent and cargo by four percent, as compared to 2005. International passenger and freight results rose even more firmly by seven and six percent respectively.

Robert J Aaronson, Director General of ACI, says, "Everyone in our industry needs to take note of these results and our long term forecast for continued expansion. We cannot afford to sit back and wait for the future to take care of itself. We must actively pursue both immediate and long-term capacity planning so that we can continue to offer high quality customer service that meets our goals for sustainability and environmental compatibility."

### SUMMARY: PRELIMINARY (ESTIMATED) RESULTS 2006

Total Passengers: 4.4 billion, **+5.1%**

Total International Passengers: 1.8 billion, **+6.7%**

Total Cargo (includes mail): 84.5 million metric tonnes, **+3.7%**

Total International Freight: 51 million metric tonnes, **+6.3%**

Total Aircraft Movements: 73 million, **+1.2%**

### WORLDWIDE AIRPORT TRAFFIC REPORT SUMMARY Preliminary Results 2006

STATS REGIONS	PASSENGERS	percent change	CARGO	percent change	MOVEMENTS	percent change
AFR	118 952 173	6.4	1 602 005	10.7	2 133 085	3.1
ASP	978 299 305	10.3	27 509 873	7.2	9 482 881	7.7
EUR	1 359 199 307	6.4	16 291 562	3.6	19 441 155	3.4
LAC	280 748 945	5.1	4 381 912	0.4	5 191 948	3.4
MEA	120 436 022	8.2	3 766 045	9.0	1 298 571	6.7
NAM	1 533 157 547	0.7	30 944 742	(0.1)	35 098 641	(2.0)
<b>ACI</b>	<b>4 390 793 298</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>84 496 140</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>72 646 281</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Passengers** total passengers enplaned and deplaned, passengers in transit counted once.  
**Cargo** loaded and unloaded freight and mail in metric tonnes.  
**Movements** landing or take-off of an aircraft.

**INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER and FREIGHT SUMMARY**  
**Preliminary Results 2006**

<b>STATS REGIONS</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT</b>	<b>percent change</b>
AFR	71 829 776	6.9	1 274 888	10.7
ASP	380 760 925	10.2	20 515 604	7.5
EUR	968 261 751	6.5	13 692 951	4.4
LAC	94 277 704	2.3	2 781 084	3.5
MEA	87 801 449	10.4	3 357 867	9.2
NAM	188 760 363	2.5	9 598 384	5.2
ACI	<b>1 791 691 968</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>51 220 777</b>	<b>6.3</b>

**International (Passengers/Freight)** traffic (passengers / freight) performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory.  
**Freight** comprises goods, newspapers, diplomatic bags, parcel post and express parcel; does not include passenger baggage and trucked freight; loaded and unloaded in metric tonnes.

**COMMENTARY**

Beijing was a top performer in the Asia Pacific region with increases of 18 percent in passenger traffic, 32 percent in cargo and 10 percent in aircraft movements. Several major hubs across Asia Pacific had strong results, including Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Incheon, Bangkok and Tokyo HND. In India, both Mumbai and New Delhi saw excellent growth this year (each increasing by more than 20 percent).

Across Europe, several large and medium sized airports reported strong growth, for example Paris CDG, Italy (Rome and Milan), Spain (Madrid, Barcelona) and Poland (Warsaw, Krakow), Germany (Munich, Düsseldorf), Ireland (Dublin), Russia (St Petersburg) to name but a few. London Heathrow's flat results stemmed from the August security scare and severe weather in December but also show the stagnating effect of lack of expansion.

In North America, airline difficulties negatively impacted traffic growth (Delta and Northwest restructuring and Independence Air closure) at hubs such as Atlanta, Cincinnati, Fort Lauderdale, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City and Washington. Denver was best performer at 9% increase, and both Newark and Houston had strong 7.4 percent increases.

Middle Eastern airports performed very well in 2006, with Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat and Bahrain reporting double-digit traffic growth. Dubai has become one of the most preferred business and leisure destinations in the region, with 28 million passengers last year.

In Africa Johannesburg led with strong growth in both passenger (9 percent) and cargo (15 percent) traffic, and Cape Town recorded a 7 percent passenger traffic increase. Cairo and cities in Morocco also performed well for the year.

In the Latin America region, overall traffic growth and capacity was restrained as a result of cutbacks in the number of flights operated by Varig, one of the largest airlines in the region. Strong passenger growth was recorded at several airports across the region in Panama, Mexico, Ecuador, Jamaica and Brazil (the medium sized airports).

\*Please note that the following tables present **preliminary** rankings, and results may change slightly when confirmed figures are submitted and tabulated June 2007.

### WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORTS – Preliminary Ranking\*

#### TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2006

RANK	AIRPORT	CODE	PASSENGERS	
				% CHG
1	ATLANTA, GA	ATL	84 846 639	(1.2)
2	CHICAGO, IL	ORD	76 248 911	(0.3)
3	LONDON, GB	LHR	67 530 223	(0.6)
4	TOKYO, JP	HND	65 225 795	3.0
5	LOS ANGELES, CA	LAX	61 048 552	(0.7)
6	DALLAS/FT WORTH AIRPORT, TX	DFW	60 079 107	1.3
7	PARIS, FR	CDG	56 808 967	5.6
8	FRANKFURT, DE	FRA	52 810 683	1.1
9	BEIJING, CN	PEK	48 501 102	18.3
10	DENVER, CO	DEN	47 324 844	9.1
11	LAS VEGAS, NV	LAS	46 194 882	4.3
12	AMSTERDAM, NL	AMS	46 088 221	4.4
13	MADRID, ES	MAD	45 500 469	8.1
14	HONG KONG, CN	HKG	44 020 000	9.1
15	BANGKOK, TH	BKK	42 799 532	9.8
16	HOUSTON, TX	IAH	42 628 663	7.4
17	NEW YORK, NY	JFK	42 604 975	4.2
18	PHOENIX, AZ	PHX	41 439 819	0.5
19	DETROIT, MI	DTW	36 356 446	(0.0)
20	MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL, MN	MSP	35 633 020	(3.9)
21	NEWARK, NJ	EWR	35 494 863	7.4
22	SINGAPORE, SG	SIN	35 033 083	8.0
23	ORLANDO, FL	MCO	34 818 264	2.1
24	LONDON, GB	LGW	34 172 489	4.2
25	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	SFO	33 527 236	0.4
26	MIAMI, FL	MIA	32 533 974	4.9
27	TOKYO, JP	NRT	31 824 411	1.2
28	PHILADELPHIA, PA	PHL	31 766 537	0.9
29	TORONTO, ON, CA	YYZ	30 966 483	3.5
30	JAKARTA, ID	CGK	30 863 806	10.4

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**TOTAL CARGO TRAFFIC 2006**

RANK	AIRPORT	CODE	CARGO	
			(tonnes)	% CHG
1	MEMPHIS, TN	MEM	3 692 205	2.6
2	HONG KONG, CN	HKG	3 608 789	5.1
3	ANCHORAGE, AK	ANC	2 803 792	5.9
4	SEOUL, KR	ICN	2 336 571	8.7
5	TOKYO, JP	NRT	2 280 026	(0.5)
6	SHANGHAI, CN	PVG	2 159 321	16.3
7	FRANKFURT, DE	FRA	2 127 797	8.4
8	LOUISVILLE, KY	SDF	1 982 985	9.3
9	SINGAPORE, SG	SIN	1 931 881	4.2
10	LOS ANGELES, CA	LAX	1 907 173	(1.1)
11	PARIS, FR	CDG	1 854 950	5.0
12	MIAMI, FL	MIA	1 830 592	3.9
13	TAIPEI, TW	TPE	1 698 808	(0.4)
14	NEW YORK, NY	JFK	1 660 158	0.2
15	CHICAGO, IL	ORD	1 618 331	4.8
16	AMSTERDAM, NL	AMS	1 559 787	4.3
17	DUBAI, AE	DXB	1 503 696	14.4
18	LONDON, GB	LHR	1 343 932	(3.1)
19	BANGKOK, TH	BKK	1 181 814	3.6
20	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	IND	1 044 293	0.3
21	BEIJING, CN	PEK	1 028 908	31.6
22	NEWARK, NJ	EWR	969 936	2.1
23	OSAKA, JP	KIX	842 085	(3.1)
24	TOKYO, JP	HND	832 854	4.3
25	GUANGZHOU, CN	CAN	824 906	9.9
26	LUXEMBOURG, LU	LUX	751 645	1.9
27	DALLAS/FT WORTH AIRPORT, TX	DFW	748 056	1.5
28	ATLANTA, GA	ATL	746 500	(2.8)
29	BRUSSELS, BE	BRU	691 250	(0.3)
30	COLOGNE, DE	CGN	691 110	7.4

## WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORTS\*

### AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS 2006

RANK	AIRPORT	CODE	MOVEMENTS	
				% CHG
1	ATLANTA, GA	ATL	976 447	(0.4)
2	CHICAGO, IL	ORD	958 643	(1.4)
3	DALLAS/FT WORTH AIRPORT, TX	DFW	700 409	(1.5)
4	LOS ANGELES, CA	LAX	656 842	1.0
5	LAS VEGAS, NV	LAS	619 486	2.4
6	HOUSTON, TX	IAH	602 672	6.7
7	DENVER, CO	DEN	597 290	6.7
8	PARIS, FR	CDG	541 566	3.6
9	PHOENIX, AZ	PHX	541 273	(3.3)
10	PHILADELPHIA, PA	PHL	515 809	(3.7)
11	CHARLOTTE, NC	CLT	509 559	(2.4)
12	FRANKFURT, DE	FRA	489 406	(0.2)
13	DETROIT, MI	DTW	481 740	(7.7)
14	LONDON, GB	LHR	477 029	(0.1)
15	MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL, MN	MSP	475 600	(10.6)
16	NEWARK, NJ	EWR	444 075	2.0
17	AMSTERDAM, NL	AMS	440 163	4.6
18	MADRID, ES	MAD	435 018	4.6
19	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	SLC	420 643	(7.6)
20	TORONTO, ON, CA	YYZ	418 244	4.1
21	MUNICH, DE	MUC	411 335	3.1
22	BOSTON, MA	BOS	406 119	(0.7)
23	NEW YORK, NY	LGA	399 036	(1.4)
24	LOS ANGELES, CA	VNY	394 915	(4.0)
25	MIAMI, FL	MIA	385 538	1.0
26	MEMPHIS, TN	MEM	384 823	(1.9)
27	WASHINGTON, DC	IAD	379 280	(25.6)
28	BEIJING, CN	PEK	376 340	10.2
29	NEW YORK, NY	JFK	375 377	8.3
30	LONG BEACH, CA	LGB	369 708	4.7

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. ACI is the only worldwide association of airports. It is a non-profit organisation whose prime purpose is to represent the interests of airports and to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations. ACI has 573 members who operate over 1643 airports in 178 countries and territories

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