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GROWTH IN AIR TRAFFIC PROJECTED TO CONTINUE TO 2025

MONTREAL, 18 September 2007 - Total world airline scheduled passenger traffic in terms of passenger-kilometres is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 4.6 per cent up to the year 2025, half a percentage point lower than the growth rate achieved over the period 1985-2005, according to forecasts prepared by the International Civil Aviation Organization. Total freight traffic growth over the same period is forecast to be stronger, at 6.6 per cent per annum in terms of freight tonne-kilometres.

International traffic is expected to continue to grow faster than total traffic, at 5.3 per cent per annum for passenger-kilometres and 6.9 per cent per annum for freight tonne-kilometres.

The total number of departures and distance flown on domestic and international services of scheduled airlines are expected to more than double over the 2005-2025 period.

The airlines of the Middle East and Asia/Pacific regions are expected to show the highest growth in both passenger and freight traffic. All international route groups are anticipated to grow at average rates ranging from 3.5 per cent to 6.6 per cent per annum over the forecast period. The fastest growing route groups are those to, from and within the Asia/Pacific region.

The attached Table summarizes the ICAO air traffic forecasts to the year 2025. Further details and background, including a comprehensive review of air transport trends and challenges, are available in the ICAO publication, *Outlook for Air Transport to the Year 2025* (Circular 313). ICAO publications may be purchased through ICAO's Document Sales Unit at sales@icao.int.

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SUMMARY OF ICAO AIR TRAFFIC FORECASTS TO THE YEAR 2025

Scheduled services	Actual 1985	Actual 2005	Forecast 2025	Average annual growth rate (per cent)	
				1985–2005	2005–2025
TOTAL					
Passenger-kilometres (billions)	1 366	3 720	9 180	5.1	4.6
Freight tonne-kilometres (millions)	39 813	142 579	510 000	6.6	6.6
Passengers carried (millions)	896	2 022	4 500	4.2	4.1
Freight tonnes carried (thousands)	13 742	37 660	110 000	5.2	5.5
Aircraft-kilometres (millions)	n.a.	30 845	69 040	n.a.	4.1
Aircraft departures (thousands)	n.a.	24 904	50 450	n.a.	3.6
INTERNATIONAL					
Passenger-kilometres (billions)	589	2 197	6 225	6.8	5.3
Freight tonne-kilometres (millions)	29 384	118 482	452 120	7.2	6.9
Passengers carried (millions)	194	704	1 950	6.7	5.2
Freight tonnes carried (thousands)	5 884	22 630	80 000	7.0	6.5