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ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu and ACI Director General Angela Gittens signing a new MOU to enhance cooperation on airport security.

## ICAO AND ACI TO ENHANCE COOPERATION ON AIRPORT SECURITY

**MONTREAL, 29 February 2016** – ICAO and Airports Council International (ACI) have announced a new agreement aimed at reinforcing cooperation on airport security.

The new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will see the UN aviation agency working more closely with ACI towards the objectives of ACI's Airport Excellence (APEX) in Security programme, including working together to deliver security reviews, technical assistance, programmes for airport personnel training and the enhancement of regional partnerships.

"This new agreement establishes a framework for cooperation which will help to improve airport security worldwide," explained ICAO's Secretary General, Dr. Fang Liu. "ICAO very much appreciates ACI's proactive leadership on all aspects of effective airport operation, and by improving our cooperation we can better ensure that international airports remain suitably secure and efficient, and have the necessary tools for driving increased economic development and global connectivity."

The APEX in Security programme is designed to help airports identify and address security vulnerabilities through a peer review process that offers advice on best practices and identification of areas for improvement. The ultimate aim of the programme is to promote more secure airport operations worldwide.

“I would like to thank Dr. Liu and ICAO for their unwavering support of APEX,” said ACI World Director General Angela Gittens. “ACI and ICAO are fully aligned in our belief that a sustainable, successful aviation industry is built upon a foundation of safety and security. With this signing we lay the groundwork to further strengthen that foundation.

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A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 191 Member States.

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