

# FIATA

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **IATA FIATA AIR Cargo Program Cooperation Agreement** **Takes Off**

Dublin, Ireland at a signing ceremony held today at FIATA Airfreight Institutes 95<sup>th</sup> meeting that was held under the theme “Realising the potential of airfreight, a journey in air logistics”, FIATA President Huxiang Zhao signed in the company of IATA’s Senior Vice President for Industry Distribution and Financial Services, Aleks Popovich the Cooperation agreement for the launch of the IATA FIATA Air Cargo Programme (IFACP), see media announcement 18 July 2016: <http://fiata.com/media/press-releases/2016/18-july.html>

Mr J.C. Delen FIATA Past President and Treasurer stated: From inception this project has received strong support from FIATA’s Presidency. The IFACP delegates have always displayed a strong commitment to craft and implement a new global program aligned to the objectives of partnership, mutual benefits and reflective of today’s forwarder – airline relationship. This gigantic breakthrough was formally agreed in July and we are here today to sign and give a recognition to those who made this agreement possible.”

All three speakers, shared the same enthusiasm and optimism that this agreement ushers in a new era of forwarder – airline cooperation.

Following the signing, the Airfreight Institute delegates heard presentations from two speakers

#### ***Extracting More Value from the Air Cargo Supply Chain together***

Mr Jacques Leijssenaar, Vice President Cargo Sales EMEIA, United Airlines

#### ***Sustainable packaging – myth or reality and the impact on airfreight***

Mr. Jack Ampuja, President, Supply Chain Optimizers

The session ended with remarks from FIATA Fellow Mr. Geoffrey Arend, Publisher/ Editor Air Cargo News/Flying Typers, which was well received by the audience.

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**About FIATA**

FIATA, the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations, was founded in Vienna, Austria on May 31st 1926. It is a non-governmental organisation that today represents an industry covering approximately 40,000 forwarding and logistics firms, employing around 10 million people in some 160 countries. FIATA has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (inter alia ECE, ESCAP, ESCWA, etc.), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as well as many other UN related bodies, e.g. the World Bank. It is recognised as representing the freight forwarding industry by many other governmental organisations, governmental authorities, private international organisations in the field of transport and logistics, such as the European Commission (through CLECAT), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Union of Railways (UIC), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), etc.

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