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## TIACA AND ICAO AGREE TO ENHANCE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AIR CARGO TRANSPORTATION

**The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) have committed to enhanced cooperation in the field of air cargo transportation.**

The announcement follows the participation of Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO in TIACA's 26th International Air Cargo Forum & Exposition in Atlanta.

TIACA has been building a closer relationship with ICAO in the past two years and is already on a list of international organizations invited to attend relevant ICAO meetings. As part of this recognition, TIACA has provided input into a number of ICAO deliberations, including the Organization's Working Group on Air Cargo Security and its co-sponsorship of joint working papers on air cargo security for the 2012 High Level Conference on Aviation Security. TIACA has supported papers on 'Key Principles on Air Cargo and Mail Security' and 'International Capacity Building Strategy for Air Cargo Security'.

TIACA has also presented working papers to the ICAO Assembly, 12th Session of Facilitation Division, and the 5th Worldwide Air Transport Conference on the issues of liberalization, market access, air cargo security and development implications.

The scope of the enhanced cooperation between the TIACA and ICAO covers the areas of air cargo and mail security and facilitation; environmental practices; market access; capacity building; and air cargo safety. In support of the cooperation agreement, TIACA will intensify its participation in relevant ICAO meetings.

TIACA also hopes to gain further benefit and opportunities for cooperation from ICAO's institutional relationships with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, regional civil aviation bodies and regional civil aviation and economic integration organizations, as well as industry stakeholders including Airports Council International (ACI), the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The joint communiqué issued by the ICAO and TIACA also acknowledges TIACA's existing relationships with many bodies, including the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Bank.



Michael Steen commented: "It is extremely important that TIACA continues to increase its dialogue and cooperation with agencies that have regulatory control and influence over aviation and air cargo. We welcome ICAO's willingness to cooperate more closely with our Association and can only see significant benefits resulting from this opportunity to create more understanding of the views of the air cargo industry. I am also delighted that Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO, accepted our invitation to participate in TIACA's 26th International Air Cargo Forum & Exposition in Atlanta."



Closer cooperation between the parties, he added, can enhance their ability to achieve their goals. In strengthening their cooperation, TIACA and ICAO will adopt mutually relevant guidelines and each provide a formal point of contact to maintain ongoing communications. As appropriate, TIACA will also distribute information on relevant ICAO standards and recommended practices, policies and technical guidance materials, and promote implementation by its members.

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#### About TIACA

TIACA is a global not-for-profit trade association representing all the major segments of the air cargo and air logistics industry – combination and all-cargo airlines, forwarders, airports, ground handlers, road carriers, customs brokers, logistics companies, shippers, IT companies, aircraft and equipment manufacturers, trade press, and educational institutions. TIACA's objectives include:

- facilitating and monitoring the implementation of e-commerce practices throughout the air cargo supply chain;
- supporting security measures that are effective, workable, and affordable, and that create minimal disruption to the vital flow of air cargo, which essentially relies on speed;
- developing and promoting strategies and principles that address legitimate public concerns for sound environmental policies;
- reforming and modernizing customs practices and raising industry performance standards;
- increasing market access by the elimination or reduction of constraints imposed on air cargo by its current dependence on bilateral traffic rights agreements; and
- representing the interests of the air cargo industry before relevant regulatory bodies, at the national and multinational levels.

To accomplish its mission, TIACA engages in activities that seek to improve industry cooperation, promote innovation, share knowledge, enhance quality and efficiency, and promote education. TIACA aims to inform both the public and its membership about the role and importance of air cargo, industry developments and technical trends.

TIACA engages with relevant authorities, and publishes position papers on industry issues and the TIACA Times newsletter. The TIACA website is a valuable industry resource which contains a fully searchable database of information on industry issues. TIACA has developed research relationships with several universities through joint projects and student scholarship programs. For more information, see the TIACA website at [www.tiaca.org](http://www.tiaca.org).