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ACI World Governing Board statement

In response to recent attempts to sabotage aircraft using explosive devices concealed in consignments of air cargo, the World Governing Board of Airports Council International (ACI), meeting at its Annual General Assembly in Bermuda, issued the following statement on 31 October 2010:

ACI and the world's airports deplore the recent attempts to sabotage aircraft through explosive devices concealed in consignments of air cargo.

Airports are part of the global supply chain, working in partnership with airlines to facilitate in excess of 80 million tonnes of air cargo annually, much of which is time critical or perishable. Recognizing that terrorists will continue to explore and probe the current system for air cargo security, it is critical that airports be included in the discussion with governments, airlines and others to address the immediate threat and to develop strong and sustainable security regimes.

We support practical measures to ensure the transport of goods to markets in a secure environment, facilitating the essential flows of air cargo to the global economy.

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Notes for editors

About ACI

The Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide association of airports, has 575 member airport authorities, which operate over 1630 airports in 179 countries and an active World Business Partner programme of 400 members.

ACI's mission is equally to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations, and this mandate is carried out through the organization's multiple training opportunities, as well as the customer service benchmarking programme, a wide range of conferences, industry statistical products and best practice publications.

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