PRESS STATEMENT

EU AVIATION STAKEHOLDERS SIGN JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY

Brussels, 11 September 2019. **The signatories call on the EU Institutions and Members States to take the necessary steps to implement the joint declaration adopted today, outlining their shared commitment to improving Europe's airspace.**

At the "Digital European Sky" conference, organised today under the Finnish Presidency of the EU, representatives of 21 EU aviation and workers associations will sign a joint declaration committing to a set of concrete actions to finally and fully implement the vision of a Single European Sky (SES).

The joint declaration that will be signed today by A6 Alliance, A4 Airline Grouping, A4E, AIRE, ACI EUROPE, ASD, ATCEUC, Borealis Alliance, B4, CANSO, COOPANS, Drone Alliance Europe, EBAA, EHA, ERA, Gate One, IATA, IFATCA, IFATSEA and IAOPA sends a strong signal that the SES vision can only be achieved through the collaborative and coordinated efforts of all stakeholders, including Member States and the European Institutions.

Global passenger traffic is expected to double by 2037 – accommodating this growth while at the same time addressing its environmental and social impacts is key. The Single European Sky is an effective way to address European aviation environmental challenges by delivering an efficient and integrated air traffic management system. It will require the introduction of new technologies, interoperability of systems, harmonized regulation and adequate infrastructure.

Europe and its citizens deserve an efficient and sustainable airspace, and we hope that the full implementation of the SES vision will lead to these much-needed improvements.

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Notes to editors:

- The joint declaration will be published after the signing ceremony here.
- More information about the "Digital Sky" conference can be found here.