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Airports Council International (ACI) and The Aviation Information Sharing and Analysis Center (A-ISAC) Enter Cooperative Agreement

Agreement enables better cybersecurity resiliency for airports worldwide.

Quebec, Canada and Annapolis, MD, 23 January 2020—ACI and A-ISAC announced today they have signed an agreement that better enables ACI members to join the A-ISAC for access to airport-specific cyber threat intelligence and actionable data that will enhance their ability to build cyber resiliency.

Both organisations play an active role in supporting the global aviation network; by increasing collaboration, the groups have created a partnership that better protects global aviation stakeholders, including the travelling public. Airports Council International addresses key issues and concerns that, despite regional diversity, impact the united airport industry. The Aviation ISAC is a global membership consortium that focuses on cybersecurity threats to airports, airlines, IFE/Satcom providers, original equipment manufacturers, supply chain manufacturers, and service providers.

Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World said “This agreement sets out ACI and A-ISAC’s shared objective to improve cyber resilience in every sector of the global air transport network. Airports are critical to a successful aviation infrastructure and building their cyber resiliency is a significant goal for 2020 and beyond. With the rapid increase in cyber attacks targeting airports, knowledge gained through the Aviation ISAC is a vital component of preparedness and incident response.”

Jeff Troy, A-ISAC president added: “In 2019, airports saw a significant increase in ransomware attacks. This is only the tip of the iceberg. By partnering with ACI to encourage airports to participate in A-ISAC membership, we are helping airports take a proactive stance against cyberthreats.”

In addition to overarching aviation industry cyberthreat intelligence, airports that join the Aviation ISAC will have access to a dedicated working group, a quarterly report that covers the latest airport-specific threats and trends, and other content that is solely focused on airport cybersecurity concerns.



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The agreement is not limited to cyber threat intelligence sharing. The organizations will work together at industry events and activities with the overarching goal of ensuring a safer and more secure aviation infrastructure that recognizes airports as key stakeholders.

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About Airports Council International:

Airports Council International (ACI), the trade association of the world's airports, was founded in 1991 with the objective of fostering cooperation among its member airports and other partners in world aviation, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sustainable. As of January 2020, ACI serves 668 members, operating 1979 airports in 176 countries.

About Aviation ISAC:

The Aviation ISAC (www.a-isac.com) is an international, non-profit membership association created to facilitate the timely exchange of vulnerabilities, threat intelligence, and best practices to reduce operational risks and provide the means for trusted sharing and professional exchange.

With members on five continents, the A-ISAC fosters the foundation of trust underpinning aviation-focused cyber threat intelligence and information sharing designed to better protect global aviation businesses, operations, and services. Membership in the A-ISAC is open to trusted private sector global aviation companies. Our vision is a safe, secure, efficient, and resilient global air transportation system.