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## GENÈVE AÉROPORT AND AÉROPORTS DE MONTRÉAL STRENGTHEN THEIR PARTNERSHIP

Montréal/Geneva, April 19, 2017 - André Schneider and Philippe Rainville, the recently appointed heads of Genève Aéroport and Aéroports de Montréal, signed a cooperative agreement today that will add a new dimension to the collaboration between the two airports.

This morning, André Schneider, CEO of Genève Aéroports, and Philippe Rainville, President and CEO of Aéroports de Montréal, signed an agreement that will govern future relations between the two organizations.

More specifically, the document provides for the sharing of best practices in several sectors such as technological innovation, sustainable development, and risk management.

It creates an official framework for the informal exchanges that have existed between the two airports for many years, particularly with regard to snow removal operations and network development.

Despite their geographical separation, Geneva and Montréal share a number of operational realities. They both welcomed a similar numbers of passengers in 2016 by primarily offering non-stop flights. In spite of their increased passenger traffic, movement through their respective hubs experienced less growth.

Both airports have obtained Level 3 Airport Carbon Accreditation<sup>1</sup> and are continuing their efforts in order to reach Level 3+, which certifies Airport Carbon Neutrality. They are also both facing significant challenges pertaining to the modification of airport infrastructure to meet the needs of their users, while maintaining safe and efficient operations.

Montréal and Geneva are connected daily by a direct flight. This connection helps ensure cultural and economic proximity between the two cities.

Genève Aéroports and Aéroports de Montréal are both members of the Airports Council International (ACI). With the signing of this agreement, the two airport managers are contributing to the optimization of their strategic positioning and intend to strengthen the role of these two airports within the civil aviation and aerospace industry.

## About Aéroports de Montréal

Aéroports de Montréal is the local airport authority that has been responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports since 1992. The Corporation employs 650 people at both airports and at head office.

For more information about Aéroports de Montréal and its activities, visit our website at <u>www.admtl.com</u>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Airport Carbon Accreditation is a carbon management certification program set in place by ACI Europe. This certification assesses and recognizes the efforts of airports to reduce their carbon emissions and is independently verified. It includes four levels of accreditation: (1) Mapping, (2) Reduction, (3) Optimization, and (3+) Neutrality.