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**AÉROPORTS DE MONTRÉAL CALLS ON ICAO
TO KEEP HEADQUARTERS IN MONTRÉAL**

Montréal, May 2, 2013—At its Annual Public Meeting, held today at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) building, Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) delivered an impassioned plea against any relocation of the headquarters of that long-standing and respected international institution.

“ICAO has been a fixture in Montréal since 1946,” explained James Cherry, President and Chief Executive Officer, ADM. “In recent years, its headquarters moved to a more modern and spacious building designed to better meet the needs of this international organization. Moreover, the entire district known as the *Quartier international* has since been developed around that building, located on one of Montréal’s most prestigious streets—indeed, the main gateway to the city’s downtown core.

“Over the years, the presence of ICAO here has attracted a cluster of other international bodies in the field of civil aviation, including IATA and, more recently, Airports Council International (ACI), which represents all of the world’s major airports.”

Mr. Cherry continued: “As the former Chair of the ACI Governing Board, I was personally involved a number of years ago in the decision to relocate its headquarters from Geneva to Montréal. It was a logical move, as there were obvious benefits to be derived from ACI’s physical proximity to ICAO.

“If ICAO’s headquarters were to move to Qatar, this would severely penalize ACI and the many other aviation-related organizations established in Montréal. We are an aviation and aerospace city, and the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization must remain in Montréal—where it belongs!”

About Aéroports de Montréal

Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) 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 625 people at both airports and at head office. ADM has been ISO 14001 certified since 2000 and BOMA BEST certified since 2008.

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