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## Regulators and Airport Operators join forces to promote Open Architecture in Airport Security Systems

**Washington DC, London, Brussels, 30 July 2020:** Regulators and airport operators from across Europe, North America, Asia Pacific and the Middle East have joined forces to promote the introduction of open architecture in airport security systems.

In a [paper published today](#), prepared by Heathrow Airport Limited and Avinor AS and endorsed by a wide range of regulators and airport stakeholders<sup>1</sup>, the authors and collaborators state that a safe and secure aviation system is the foundation of the global economy. The security threat to this system is real and continues to evolve, with technology changing the way the world and those with malicious intent operate. The document sets out broad guidelines for how airport security systems can share data and how airports can work with partners to provide a path forwards for new innovative software developers to help defeat terrorism.

David Pekoske, TSA Administrator, John Holland-Kaye CEO, Heathrow Airport and Olivier Jankovec, Director General of ACI EUROPE said: *“The key to our success is the shared ability to collaborate across the public, private and academic sectors. It is through these partnerships that we bring the best technologies and brightest minds together and rise to the collective challenge of outmatching a dynamic threat”.*

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### Note to editors:

- **ACI EUROPE (Airports Council International)** is the European region of Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide professional association of airport operators. ACI EUROPE represents over 500 airports in 46 European countries. Our members facilitate over 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe: 2.5 billion passengers, 20.7 million tonnes of freight and 25.7 million aircraft movements in 2019. In response to the Climate Emergency, in June 2019 our members committed to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions for operations under their control by 2050, without offsetting.
- **The Transportation Security Administration** was created to strengthen the security of the nation's transportation systems and ensure the freedom of movement for people and commerce. TSA uses an intelligence-based strategy and works closely with transportation, law enforcement and intelligence communities to set the standard for excellence in transportation security. For more information about TSA, please visit our website at [tsa.gov](https://tsa.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Open Architecture in Airport Security Systems has been endorsed by the following: ACI EUROPE, US Transportation Security Administration, UK Department for Transport, UK Civil Aviation Authority, Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, German Federal Police, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, Avinor AS, AVSEC New Zealand, Birmingham Airport, Changi Airport, Copenhagen Airports A/S, Dubai Airports, Dublin Airport Authority, Geneva Airport, Groupe ADP, Heathrow Airport Limited, Manchester Airport Group, Munich Airport and Swedavia Airports.