



ACI EUROPE and AOA welcome EU aviation contingency measures

Brussels and London, 11 December 2020: Following the publication by the European Commission of the aviation contingency measures, **Director General of ACI EUROPE Olivier Jankovec** and **Chief Executive of the Airport Operators Association Karen Dee** said in a joint statement:

“The certainty provided by the European Commission’s proposals on aviation connectivity is welcome and we urge the UK Government to publish their contingency measures to provide the industry with confidence for a potential no-deal scenario.”

“However, it is exceptionally concerning that UK citizens could be subject to a ban on non-essential travel to EU member states just as the UK’s test-and-release system comes into force. This would further damage a sector battling the devastating impacts of the pandemic and hold back the wider economic recovery.”

“The UK Government, EU and EU member states must work together to ensure that safe travel can continue and that our vital aviation sector can start to recover from the brutal impacts of COVID-19.”

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The **Airport Operators Association (AOA)** is the trade association that represents UK airports. Its mission is to see UK airports grow sustainably. The AOA represents the views of UK airports to Government, Parliament and regulators to secure policy outcomes that help deliver its mission. It represents more than 50 UK airports in the UK. For more information, please visit www.aoa.org.uk.

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