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## TORONTO PEARSON AIRPORT SIGNS UP TO GLOBAL COMMITMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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**TORONTO**— Today, Toronto Pearson International Airport joined the global aviation industry in a Declaration on climate change that was signed by industry leaders at the Aviation & Environment Summit in Geneva, Switzerland.

More than 300 of the world's airports have also signed up to the Declaration.

Although aviation only accounts for two percent of global carbon dioxide emissions, today's declaration was designed to demonstrate and strengthen the industry's commitment to introducing technological, operational and efficiency advances to reduce its impact.

Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) said: "In signing up to the declaration, the GTAA has reaffirmed its commitment to the environment. We will work with all players across the industry to target carbon-neutral growth as a step towards a carbon-free future for aviation."

Robert J. Aaronson, Director General of the global trade association of airport executives, Airports Council International, says: "Airports around the world are already implementing energy efficient operations; this Declaration further demonstrates aviation's coordinated efforts in tackling environmental challenges. All sectors of society, business, governments and individuals have a role to play in addressing climate change. This Declaration confirms aviation's intention to grow and contribute to economies, in a sustainable way."

The GTAA is committed to continued work in the areas of stormwater management, creek rehabilitation, energy management and recycling. Work also continues with all airline partners to effectively manage aircraft activity in such a way that fuel consumption is minimized whenever possible.

The GTAA is the non-share, not for profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2006, 31 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

**Notes for editors:**

- The text of the Summit Declaration can be found: [www.enviro.aero/declaration](http://www.enviro.aero/declaration)
- For further information about the GTAA's environmental programs, please contact: GTAA Media Office 416-776-3709
- For further information about the global Declaration, the Aviation & Environment Summit, or what airports are doing at a global level, please contact: Haldane Dodd, Communications Manager at Airports Council International in Geneva: [hdodd@aci.aero](mailto:hdodd@aci.aero) or +41 79 429 8710
- Useful resources include: [www.enviro.aero](http://www.enviro.aero) | [www.aci.aero/environment](http://www.aci.aero/environment) | [www.gtaa.com](http://www.gtaa.com)
- Getty Images will be taking photographs during the Declaration signing in Geneva – they will be available on [www.gettyimages.com](http://www.gettyimages.com) some time after 1230 GMT, Tuesday 22 April.
- Airports Council International – the ‘voice of the world’s airports’ – is the only global trade representative of airports. The 580 members operate 1647 airports in 175 countries and territories, representing 96% of the world’s airport traffic.