

## Information

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### **AEA ELECTS BRITISH AIRWAYS' WILLIE WALSH AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2010**

The Association of European Airlines, AEA, has announced that Willie Walsh, Chief Executive Officer of British Airways, will chair the Association in 2010. Willie Walsh takes over from Dr. Ivan Mišetić, President and Chief Executive Officer of Croatia Airlines.

Under Mr. Walsh's Chairmanship, the AEA will redouble its efforts in supporting a global solution to deal with aviation's emissions; will seek to minimise the burden of regulation on its member airlines; will continue to support the highest standards of safety and security; and as the global economic crisis continues, will seek to ensure that Europe retains a competitive and sustainable airline industry.

Mr. Walsh also welcomed three new members, Air Baltic, Aegean Airlines and Montenegro Airlines, to the Association, which now comprises 36 major European network carriers.

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Note to the Editor: The Association of European Airlines (AEA) brings together 36 European established scheduled network carriers. These collectively carry 374 million passengers and 7 million tonnes of cargo each year, operating 2,689 aircraft serving 662 destinations in 162 countries with 11,934 flights a day. They provide around 394,200 jobs directly, and generate a total turnover of €80 billion