ATAG WELCOMES GIFAS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER

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The Air Transport Action Group **(ATAG**) today welcomed as an associate member the Groupement des Industries Françaises Aéronautiques et Spatiales (**GIFAS**), the French aerospace industries association. GIFAS has more than 353 members who are active in all sectors of the aerospace industry including civil aircraft, helicopters, engines, satellites and launch systems, defence and security systems, equipment, subassemblies and associated software applications.

Making the announcement today, ATAG Executive Director Michael Gill said that GIFAS would be a valuable member of the ATAG family: “All of ATAG’s members bring with them unique insight into the future development of air transport and the addition of GIFAS will only strengthen that knowledge base.

“ATAG is the forum where our industry comes together to work towards common solutions to common issues. We are the only group that represents the broad spectrum of the air transport sector at a global level. As we have demonstrated with the global aviation industry’s commitments to action on climate change, our approach brings real unity and focus to our combined efforts. We are delighted that GIFAS is joining our other industry partners and supporting these efforts at a

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senior level.”

GIFAS Chairman Marwan Lahoud, said: “By becoming an associate member of ATAG, GIFAS fully endorses the collective international action on sustainable aviation, in particular in the context of the fight against climate change. This prolongs the many actions already undertaken by GIFAS, including the organization of the high-level event "The COP21 from Above " in the presence of French and international political personalities, scientists and CEOs, at the recent Paris Air Show.”

The announcement came as the Global Sustainable Aviation Summit got underway in Geneva. The event brings together over 250 leaders in the aviation industry to discuss the latest issues in the sustainable development of the aviation sector.

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