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PRESS RELEASE

ACAA Applauds the Departments of Transportation and State For Reaching A New Air Services Agreement Allowing Expansion of Low-Fare U.S.-Mexico Service

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The Air Carrier Association of America (“ACAA”) applauds the Departments of Transportation (“Department”) and State for reaching an agreement yesterday, September 21st, with officials of Mexico that will expand aviation services between the two countries. The changes to the existing treaty, which include an increase of the number of carriers that may serve all city-pair designations, will allow low-fare carriers to bring more flights and fare savings to consumers and communities throughout both countries.

Ed Faberman, ACAA’s Executive Director, stated, “For the first time, low-fare carriers will have an opportunity to enter all U.S.-Mexico markets, bringing important fare and service discipline to the marketplace.” Faberman congratulated Secretary Mineta for reaching this important agreement. He added, “We applaud the leadership of Jeff Shane and Carolyn Coldren for their hard work over the past year to further open the doors to real competition in the U.S.-Mexico market.”

ACAA and its members look forward to working with the Department to further expand flight options to all Mexico markets. Consistent with past successes of the expansion of open markets, further opening the U.S.-Mexico market will benefit all parties involved and strengthen the low-fare industry.