TRAFFIC STATISTICS MAY 2010

Operating performance

In the **overall network**, load factor improved by 3.5 percentage points with respect to the previous year, to 81.6%. RPKs grew by 4.8% and capacity went up 0.3%, the first positive variation since August 2008. Unit revenue per ASK continue making progress in all the sectors, with very significant increases in the international flights.

In the **long haul,** traffic climbed by 11.6% with respect to May 2009, with an increase of 4.9% in the capacity, measured in available seat-kilometres (ASK). Therefore, load factor improved 5.1 points, reaching 84.1%. The *mix* keeps on improving, with a 14.1% rise in Business passengers. In the North Atlantic the load factor stood at 86.3% (+2.6 points), with a reduction of 0.7% in the RPKs and an adjustment of 3.6% in the ASKs. In Latin America the load factor reached 83.9% (+6.1 points), as traffic and capacity went up by 14.1% and 5.8% respectively. These year on year increases are partially favoured by a weak demand in May 2009, which was impacted by the effects of the swine flu in some destination of the region, specially in México.

In **Europe** load factor grew by 0.6 points, to 79.5%. RPKs went down by 5.6% and capacity fell by 6.3%. In the European flights with origin or destination Madrid, the decreases in the demand and capacity were lower (-2.0% and -2.6% respectively), and load factor gained 0.5 points. In **Africa and the Middle East** traffic rose by 8.4%, and ASKs climbed by 0.9%; consequently, the load factor reached 72.4% (+5.0 points).

Load factor grew in the **domestic** sector by 0.3 points (75.4%), with a reduction in the capacity of 8.7%, similar to the decrease in the traffic (-8.3%). In flights between Madrid and Barcelona RPKs went up by 12.4% and load factor improved by 16.4 points, offsetting the decreases registered in other routes. In May Iberia had to cancel 266 flights (211 in the domestic sector and the rest in other international medium haul) due to the impact of the ash cloud from Island, that had a temporarily effect on several airports in the South of Europe.

Highlights

- Iberia is adding five new international destinations to its network in the coming months. The first destinations will be (Jordanian) and Damascus (Syria) in July, and from September 16th will offer flights to Oman (Algeria). On October 1st, Iberia will become the first European airline to fly directly from Cordoba (Argentina) to Europe and to San Salvador (El Salvador). Later in October Iberia will establish a direct service between Madrid and Panama City (currently they include a stopover in Guatemala). Additionally, this summer Iberia resumes its flights to Dubrovnik, Zagreb and San Petersburg, and will increase substantially its capacity to South Africa, due to the celebration of the World Football Cup tournament.

- In May, Iberia Maintenance and Cathay Pacific signed a contract under which the Spanish company will repair and maintain of the Asian carrier's CFM56-5C4 engines.

	May			**Accumulated**		
	2010	**2009**	**%**	**2010**	**2009**	**%**
ASK (million)	**5,171**	**5,157**	**0.3**	**24,487**	**25,804**	**-5.1**
Domestic	662	725	-8.7	3,238	3,515	-7.9
Medium Haul	1,289	1,361	-5.3	5,963	6,606	-9.7
Europe	1,109	1,183	-6.3	5,113	5,765	-11.3
Africa* and Middle East	180	179	0.9	849	840	1.1
Long Haul	3,221	3,071	4.9	15,286	15,684	-2.5
RPK (million)	**4,220**	**4,025**	**4.8**	**19,816**	**20,142**	**-1.6**
Domestic	499	544	-8.3	2,297	2,465	-6.8
Medium Haul	1,012	1,053	-4.0	4,408	4,740	-7.0
Europe	881	933	-5.6	3,768	4,149	-9.2
Africa* and Middle East	130	120	8.4	640	591	8.3
Long Haul	2,709	2,428	11.6	13,111	12,937	1.3
Load factor (%)	**81.6**	**78.1**	**3.5 p.p.**	**80.9**	**78.1**	**2.9 p.p.**
Domestic	75.4	75.1	0.3 p.p.	70.9	70.1	0.8 p.p.
Medium Haul	78.5	77.4	1.1 p.p.	73.9	71.8	2.2 p.p.
Europe	79.5	78.9	0.6 p.p.	73.7	72.0	1.7 p.p.
Africa* and Middle East	72.4	67.4	5.0 p.p.	75.4	70.4	5.0 p.p.
Long Haul	84.1	79.1	5.1 p.p.	85.8	82.5	3.3 p.p.

* Excluding South Africa