Dear Friends and Colleagues,

you are cordially invited to a luncheon meeting on February 18, 2019 with:

Mr. Eamonn Brennan, Director General, Eurocontrol
Venue: Hotel Bristol Stephanie, Avenue Louise 91-93, 1050 Brussels

A new EUROCONTROL study – Challenges of Growth – which looks at the issues European aviation will face between now and 2040; has found that that without urgent action, the network will be unable to cope with the demand for flights predicted by 2040.

Even though airports are expanding their capacity plans, with the top 20 airports planning to add 2.4 million runway movements, this will not be enough. On the most likely scenario, 1.5 million flights – 160 million passengers – will be unable to fly by 2040.

Aside from building additional runways, the study looks at how additional airport capacity can be delivered through other means. These include technology innovation, schedule smoothing, using larger aircraft and multi-modal approaches. Other topics covered in the study include the impact of climate change and the expected rise in unmanned aircraft systems, or drones.

“This kind of report is crucial for policy makers as they prepare for the future. Clearly this is a long-term forecast so we do have time to address the issues it raises but providing more capacity, and especially on this scale, requires long-term planning. Therefore I think we need to address the issue as a matter of urgency.”

Drinks will be served from 12.00 and lunch starts at 12.30 hours