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Immediate ATM improvements available during long term modernization effort

GENEVA, March 21, 2012 / PRNewswire / -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO), today called on the aviation industry to accelerate the pace of change in air traffic management improvements by taking advantage of existing aircraft capabilities. At the 6th Aviation & Environment Summit in Geneva, Switzerland, the two entities issued a joint technical paper outlining critical actions necessary to achieve the industry goal of 95 to 98 percent efficiency in air traffic management by 2050.

"The capabilities of today's high-technology airplanes are underutilized in the current constrained and outdated ATM system, undermining the profitability of the aviation industry," said Neil Planzer, vice president of Air Traffic Management, Boeing Flight Services. "We are fully committed to supporting long term modernization efforts such as SESAR and NextGen without losing sight of improvements we can make today."

The publication, titled "Accelerating Air Traffic Management Efficiency: A Call to Industry," outlines critical actions needed to improve the worldwide air traffic management system. It profiles successful projects from around the world and highlights areas where aviation stakeholders can work together to deliver efficiency improvements.

"We have combined the expertise and detailed knowledge of The Boeing Company and the world's air navigation service providers to come up with realistic and implementable recommendations," said Paul Riemens, chairman of CANSO. "CANSO and its members are focused on moving our industry towards carbon neutral growth to grow in a sustainable manner."

CANSO represents the interests of air navigation service providers worldwide. Its members, supporting 85 percent of world air traffic, aim to improve navigation in the air and on the ground through sharing information and best practices and developing new policies. Boeing is an associate member, represented on the CANSO Executive Committee.

Boeing offers a comprehensive portfolio of commercial aviation services, collectively known as the Boeing Edge, bringing value and advantages to customers and the industry. In air traffic management, Boeing is working with partners around the world to transform today's system and enable aviation growth through enhanced safety, increased capacity and improved operational and environmental efficiency. Boeing ATM solutions include research and development, airspace design, navigation services, modeling and simulation, airplane equipage, air-ground integration and system-wide information management, drawing on expertise from across The Boeing Company.

The Boeing and CANSO publication is available for download at www.canso.org.

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