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## ATR delivers 1,000<sup>th</sup> ATR 72, best-selling regional aircraft in production today

1,000th ATR 72 aircraft will fly in the colours of IndiGo

Toulouse, 17 July, 2018 – ATR achieved today an important milestone with the delivery of its 1,000th ATR 72. The aircraft took to the sky today in the colours of leading Indian domestic carrier, IndiGo. This delivery consolidates the ATR 72 as an outstanding commercial success and a benchmark in the regional aviation market.

The ATR 72 was officially launched on January 1986 with its first delivery to the Finnish carrier Finnair in October 1989. Its enduring popularity with customers and operators over 30 years later is a testament to the quality of the aircraft and its many innovations over time. The programme was launched with the ATR 72-200 (187 deliveries) before the introduction of the ATR 72-500 (365 deliveries) in 1997 with American Eagle. The most recent model, the ATR 72-600 (448 deliveries), was launched in 2009 and entered into service with Royal Air Maroc in 2011. With continuous innovation at the heart of ATR, this aircraft continues to integrate new technologies and solutions, allowing operators to open new routes and ensure connectivity with unbeatable economics. The ATR 72 is the best-selling regional aviation aircraft in production today.

ATR predicts that the market will require over 3000 turboprops prior to 2037. Proven route openers, ATRs open on average 100 routes every year, reaching over 150 in 2017, thanks to their unbeatable economics. Furthermore, ATRs are also the most eco-efficient aircraft on the market. If every regional aircraft was a turboprop, up to 11% of overall regional aircraft emissions would be saved. When compared to a regional jet, an ATR 72 can burn up to 45% less fuel.

Commenting on this achievement ATR's Chief Executive Officer Christian Scherer said: "The ATR 72 has proven to be an outstanding success for over three decades. We are sincerely proud of delivering this 1,000th aircraft, as it underlines the many advantages it provides to airlines when it comes to ensuring essential connectivity and exploring new business opportunities. We look forward to consolidating and extending the attractiveness and success of the ATR 72 for many more years."

## **About ATR:**

European turboprop manufacturer ATR is the world leader in the regional aviation market. ATR designs, manufactures and delivers modern regional aircraft, with a customer base fleet encompassing some 200 airlines in nearly 100 countries. The ATR 42 and the ATR 72 are the best-selling aircraft in the market segment of 90 seats or less. With continuous improvement as a driving force, ATR produces cutting edge, comfortable and versatile turboprops that help airlines expand their horizons by creating more than 100 new routes every year. Compared with other turboprops, ATRs offer an advantage of 40% on fuel burn, 20% on trip cost and 10% on seat cost, whilst offering the lowest noise emissions. ATR is an equal partnership between leading aerospace firms Airbus and Leonardo and benefits from a large global customer support network allowing it to deliver innovative services and solutions to its clients and operators all over the world. For more information, please visit http://www.atr-aircraft.com.













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