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### Bahamasair Signs Three Year Global Maintenance Agreement with ATR

**Toulouse, 13 December 2018** – Caribbean airline Bahamasair has become the latest airline to select ATR's Global Maintenance Agreement (GMA) contract. The GMA covers the full Bahamasair fleet, which is composed of three ATR 42-600s and two ATR 72-600s. The contract covers Standard Exchanges, Line Replacement Unit (LRU) repairs and Propeller repairs. Bahamasair becomes the fourth airline in the Caribbean to choose the GMA and this reflects the quality and comprehensiveness of ATR's maintenance service in the region.

Bahamasair CEO, Tracy Cooper, declared: "Every airline needs its aircraft to be flying as much as possible so maintenance is naturally vital. ATR's GMA responds specifically to our needs and their expertise will reduce the amount of time our aircraft spend on the ground. Our ATRs provide essential domestic connections within the Bahamas and also allow a more flexible international schedule. Our passengers depend on a reliable service and ATR's GMA is a valuable tool to help us deliver this."

Tom Anderson, Senior Vice-President Programs and Customer Services of ATR said: "Bahamasair's decision to choose our GMA proves the quality of ATR's global services footprint that we are able to offer airlines. The value of our policy of offering solutions as close to our operators as possible is reflected by the comprehensive GMA coverage in the Caribbean. Nobody knows our aircraft better than we do and we will continue to strengthen our maintenance offer, ensuring our operators will always get the most value possible from our bespoke GMA."

Today ATR covers more than 300 in-service aircraft under GMA and more than 40 operators benefit from this service. The Latin American and Caribbean market is of particular significance for ATR, as over 170 ATR aircraft are operated by 30 operators in the region. With a warehouse in Sao Paulo, an ATR-labelled MRO partner – TAP M&E – in Brazil, and APS Brazil performing the maintenance of propellers, ATR is able to provide its operators with 24/7 assistance as close to their operations as possible.

#### **About Bahamasair:**

Bahamasair was established in 1973 as a product of a newly established Independent Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The mandate was to provide a safe and reliable mode of air transportation throughout the archipelagic nation and internationally. The National Flag carrier's purpose was to provide an 'Essential Service' bridging Nassau, the nation's capital and the remote 'Family of Islands'.

#### 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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