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### **ATR renews and expands maintenance agreements with three Latin American and Caribbean operators**

**Toulouse, April 26, 2017** – The world's leading regional aircraft manufacturer ATR has taken the opportunity of the MRO Americas 2017, currently being held in Orlando, USA, to announce the signing of maintenance agreements with three operators from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Firstly, ATR and Avianca Holdings have extended the scope of their Global Maintenance Agreements (GMAs) covering the 15 ATR 72-600s operated under different brands of Avianca in Colombia, Guatemala and Honduras. The GMA now includes services for the maintenance of the propellers of the ATR fleet. In addition, two stocks of propellers will also be available at the airline's facilities. Avianca will also benefit from a specific training program developed by the service provider APS (Aircraft Propeller Service, LLC). In early 2015, APS was awarded an OEM license to service the propeller systems deployed on ATR aircraft in the Americas and Asia and became a GMA MRO supplier shortly thereafter. APS is headquartered in Illinois and has opened MRO facilities in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to support the global ATR fleet.

ATR has also renewed its GMA with the Colombian airline Easyfly for a period of five years, covering their fleet of five ATRs. The GMA includes lease stock, standard exchange, repairs of LRUs (Line Replaceable Units) and propeller repairs, along with availability services. In addition to the renewal of the GMA, ATR and Easyfly have also signed an agreement for lease and overhaul services of the landing gears of two of the airline's ATRs.

Finally, Trinidad and Tobago's national flag carrier Caribbean Airlines, which has been covered by a GMA since 2011, has also signed an agreement with ATR for lease and overhaul services of the landing gears of their current fleet of ATR 72-600s.

Commenting on these announcements, Tom Anderson, Senior Vice-President Programs and Customer Services of ATR, declared: "Renewing and expanding the scope of our maintenance support to our operators is the best proof they can give us of the quality of our after-sales activities. Our fleet in Latin America and the Caribbean has doubled in the last decade, and we must keep expanding the offer we provide our customers to ensure they match their operational goals".

With a team of customer support experts in Miami, USA, ATR is able to provide its operators in the Americas with 24/7 assistance and service. With proximity to customers being one of ATR's core values, the turboprop leader has an effective network of Customer Support Centers all over the world.

#### **About ATR:**

Founded in 1981, ATR is the world leader in the market for below-90-seat regional aircraft. Since its creation, ATR has sold over 1,500 aircraft. ATR aircraft equip the fleets of some 200 airlines in nearly 100 countries. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Airbus and Leonardo. Based in Toulouse, France, ATR is well established worldwide with a large customer support and sales network, including Customer Service Centers, training centers and warehouses. For more information, please visit <http://www.atr-aircraft.com>



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