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IBAC Welcomes the African Business Aviation Association – Membership Reaches 15 Organizations Covering the World

MONTREAL – 17 November 2017 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), announced today that the African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA) is now a member of the Council. The 15 member associations from around the world represent a coordinated voice for business aviation and the international standards, policies, and best safety practices that are at the core of IBAC’s mission.

“We are excited to have the AfBAA join IBAC,” stated Kurt Edwards, Director General of the International Business Aviation Council. “Our goal is to serve the diverse needs of business aviation around the globe, and this expanded representation from Africa is a significant achievement. We look forward to working with the outstanding AfBAA team, along with our exceptional, long-standing member MEBA, to fully support the entire continent of Africa and its business aviation future,” added Edwards.

The African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA) is a not-for-profit organization that was inaugurated five years ago. It aims to promote the understanding and benefits that business aviation provides to Africa's economic development and prosperity. AfBAA is committed to identifying, addressing and implementing solutions across a range of critical issues in support of the sustainable growth of the industry. To this end, it supports enterprises, entrepreneurs, business leaders, governments, and their respective civil aviation authorities across the continent and assists international companies in establishing African operations.

“Joining the IBAC family is an important step for our organization. Working with IBAC strengthens our role with policy makers to influence decision-making in Africa, which will accelerate the growth of business aviation. It also enables AfBAA to better share knowledge with members from our fellow associations, which will support their members’ operations in Africa,” commented Rady Fahmy, CEO of AfBAA.

Founded in 1981, IBAC is managed by the Director General and a secretariat staff in five countries. Their work is directed by a Governing Board comprised of representatives designated by each of its 15 member associations: Australian Business Aviation Association (ABAA), Associação Brasileira de Aviação Geral (ABAG, Brazil), Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA), Business Aircraft Operators Association (BAOA, India), British Business and General Aviation Association (BBGA), Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA-ACAA), European Business Aviation Association (EBAA), European Business Aviation Association – France (EBAA-France), German Business Aviation Association (GBAA), Italian Business Aviation Association (IBAA), Japan Business Aviation Association (JBAA), Middle East and North Africa Business Aviation Association (MEBAA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA, USA), Russian United Business Aviation Association (RUBAA), and the newest member, African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA).

About IBAC: IBAC represents the interests of business aviation worldwide. IBAC is a non-profit, international trade association with permanent observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN Specialized Agency for aviation matters, in Montreal, Canada. IBAC promotes and manages the industry-leading standards for best safety practices through its International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO™); International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH™); Safety Management Tool Kit; SMS eLearning training; and Aircrew Identification Card. www.ibac.org

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