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## Frankfurt Airport's Coordinated Aircraft Movements to Increase Slightly

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At the upcoming IATA (International Air Transport Association) flight scheduling conference in Singapore, Frankfurt Airport (FRA) - Germany's largest airport - will be able to offer the airlines of the world greater coordinated aircraft capacity. In the spring of 2002, the airport's official coordinated aircraft capacity for awarding the time windows for take-offs and landings - so-called "slots" - will be increased from 78 to 80 movements per hour between 14:00 and 22:00 daily.

In agreement with the State of Hesse, the German Federal Ministry of Transport has now given Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide (the owner and manager of FRA) approval for this increase. The new regulation goes into effect in conjunction with the Summer Timetable 2002, at the end of March. Thus, it will be possible to plan for up to 45 landings per hour instead of 43, during the afternoon and evening peak traffic periods.

Fraport AG's Executive Board Chairman Dr. Wilhelm Bender said that he is pleased with the federal transport ministry's decision. He emphasized that the experience of the past months has shown that the overall airport system can easily handle this slight increase in capacity.

Furthermore, the increase is completely in harmony with the findings of the Mediation Group on Airport Expansion, which also came out in favor of further optimization of FRA's existing runway system.

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