



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Qeshm Air begins weekly service between Brussels and Tehran**

**BRUSSELS: June 21, 2017. Commencing on Tuesday 27 June, the Iranian airline Qeshm Air will connect the Iranian capital Tehran directly with Brussels, the capital of Belgium and Europe, on a weekly schedule.**

Brussels Airport and Qeshm Air have been negotiating for some time to establish a direct flight that can stimulate the tourism of both countries and reinforce their economic ties.

The first flight is scheduled on 27 June and will land at Brussels Airport at 9:10 am and depart for Iran 2 hours later. The route will be flown by an A319 with 132 seats.

With more than 2.2 million passengers in May 2017, passenger traffic at Brussels Airport set a new May record. Cargo traffic too continued to grow strongly by 8.1 percent in comparison to May 2015.

Traffic figures for the month of May 2017 are compared to figures from Brussels Airport's record year 2015. As a result of last year's attacks, the 2016 figures are not

representative, which means that any comparison would present a distorted picture.

The full-cargo segment has risen sharply by 17.2 percent and express services by 16.6 percent against the same month in 2015. The growth rates confirm the potential and stable growth within these segments.

Belly cargo in May 2017 decreased by 11.4 percent against May 2015. This was due to the departure of Jet Airways in March 2016 and the subsequent decrease in the number of long-haul flights.