

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Participation of AirBlue Crash Affectees Association (ACAA) in the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) WORKSHOP as one of the founding members of Air Crash Victims Families Federation International (ACVFFI)**

**Malaga – SPAIN, 9 - 10 June 2016**

Mr. Junaid Hamid, Chairman Airblue Crash Affectees Association (ACAA) attended the workshop on “Assistance to Victims of Air Accidents and their Families” organized by ECAC at Malaga, Spain on 9 – 10 June 2016. Besides Mr. Hamid, the workshop was attended by 68 experts from 14 ECAC member states, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, USA, the aviation industry and representatives of air crash victims associations. During the two days, the participants deliberated on international and European framework on assistance to victims and their families, various national initiatives, airlines’ plans, airport coordination, international cooperation in assisting each other, victims’ perspective and areas of improvement.

As one of the founding member of Air Crash Victims Families Federation International (ACVFFI), Mr. Hamid also made a presentation on “**Challenges to Aviation Safety and Passenger Rights in Pakistan**” at the workshop, highlighting the lack of legislation as well as awareness in this regard in Pakistan.

Active participation in the workshop by Mr. Hamid was a great achievement towards global recognition of ACAA and on conclusion of it, our umbrella organization ACVFFI has been invited to present three working papers at the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICAO in September 2016 at Montreal, Canada.

Global recognition of ACAA would significantly boost its efforts towards making Pakistani Skies safer for future air travelers and help promote internationally accepted best practices and standards with regard to flight safety and passenger rights in Pakistan.