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**STATEMENT OF THE GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE MARKING THE ONE YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE SANDY**

“It has been one year since Hurricane Sandy devastated the eastern seaboard, including New York City’s three major airports. In that time, the Port Authority has worked together with the airlines to repair the damage and develop strategies to protect against the next storm in a remarkable display of partnership.

“Despite more than 100 million gallons of water inundating runways at LaGuardia alone, and Sandy being the most destructive storm to hit JFK and Newark, our airports were all reopened within 3 days. The Port Authority undertook massive preparations to put the airports in position to weather the storm. When the worst was over, the airlines took an immediate and active role in getting the airports back on their feet and helping rebuild surrounding communities.

“In spite of the setback, the NYC area airports reached a record 110 million passengers in 2012, and are on track for even more in 2013. Sandy served as a reminder for all of us of the importance of airports to the region and the local economy. Because of the hard work of the Port Authority, the airlines and thousands of airport workers, it also serves as a shining example of what coordinated efforts can accomplish. Global Gateway Alliance stands ready to join forces with all stakeholders to help build the 21st century airports our region truly needs.”

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ABOUT GGA

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA), was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region’s airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit www.globalgatewayalliance.org, or email info@globalgatewayalliance.org. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNJ and ‘Like’ the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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