**Swedavia president and CEO Jonas Abrahamsson appointed member of Arlanda Council**

**Swedavia’s president and CEO, Jonas Abrahamsson, will be a member of the Arlanda Council, a newly established council that will consider broader issues and stakeholders as Stockholm Arlanda Airport develops in the years ahead. Minister for Infrastructure Anna Johansson made the announcement today at a press conference.**

The Swedish government’s national aviation strategy underlines the important role that air travel and Sweden’s airports play in employment and economic growth for the entire country. The strategy also acknowledges that Stockholm Arlanda Airport plays a particularly important role as a growth engine for the Swedish economy.

“Sweden is a small, export-dependent country that is highly dependent on good air links to the rest of the world as well as within Sweden. Passenger volume at Stockholm Arlanda is increasing at a rapid pace. As a result, we are now carrying out an extensive development programme and investing 10 billion Swedish kronor through 2020. Our visionary plan for 2030 will make Stockholm Arlanda the leading airport in Scandinavia. A shared understanding and cooperation are essential requirements for its successful implementation, so I welcome the opportunity presented by the Arlanda Council,” says Jonas Abrahamsson, president and CEO of Swedavia.

The Arlanda Council will be an advisory body to promote the exchange of experiences between the Swedish government and representatives of government authorities, State-owned companies and the public sector, businesses, stakeholder organisations, research, academia and more.

**Some of the issues that the Arlanda Council will discuss:**

* environment/climate/energy
* competitiveness, entrepreneurship, trade and industry
* regional and local development, growth, employment
* national and international access
* financing, costs, national economy

**The Arlanda Council will consist of the following people:**

Lena Erixon, director-general, Swedish Transport Administration; Ann Persson Grivas, director-general, LFV; Jonas Abrahamsson, president and CEO, Swedavia; Jacob Wallenberg, Board member, Connect Sweden; Maria Rankka, CEO, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce; Lena Mickoo, president, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions; Ulf Bergh, municipal director, Municipality of Sigtuna; Peter Norman, entrepreneur; Anders Sundström, chair, KF; Chris Heister, governor, Stockholm County.

Cabinet minister Anna Johansson has been entrusted by the Swedish government to chair the Arlanda Council and to appoint its members. Other participants from the government include cabinet ministers Mikael Damberg and Karolina Skog.

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