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Press Release

#DankeTXL

All flight operations set to move from Tegel to BER shortly / Airport to remain closed to the public on Sunday

The final scheduled flights at Berlin Tegel Airport, or TXL for short, are set to depart tomorrow, Saturday, 7 November 2020. The airport will close on Sunday, 8 November 2020, and all air traffic in the German capital region will be concentrated at Berlin Brandenburg Airport Willy Brandt. With the third and last major stage of the relocation to the new airport, 31 airlines will move to BER in the night from 7 to 8 November, including the Lufthansa Group with Austrian, Swiss and Brussels Airlines, as well as Air France and British Airways.

All airlines departing from TXL for the last time will receive an appropriate send-off with a traditional water cannon salute. Lufthansa will deploy an Airbus A350-900 wide-body aircraft on its very last flights to and from TXL (LH1954 Munich-Berlin and LH1955 Berlin-Munich). For the last day of scheduled operations, several special and sightseeing flights to and from TXL have also been arranged by various operators. The flights will be operated by Eurowings and Sundair.

Observation deck in Tegel completely sold out

In the weeks before the closure of TXL, all those interested had the opportunity to witness the last take-offs and landings and to say goodbye to the airport in northwest Berlin. To this end, the observation deck was open daily and free of charge as of 3 October under the motto #DankeTXL. In accordance with applicable hygiene and social distancing rules, access to the deck was regulated by a time slot reservation system. Tickets are already sold out for Saturday, 7 November, when the deck

will be accessible to the public for the last time. On Sunday, the observation will be open only to pre-accredited media.

No public access on 8 November

Air France operated its first scheduled flight to Tegel with a Lockheed Super Constellation on 2 January 1960. Sixty years later, the French airline will close the circle when it takes off from TXL to Paris for the last time on 8 November at 3.00 p.m. Tegel Airport will not open to the public on this day. Due to restrictions in connection with Covid-19 pandemic, access can only be guaranteed to Air France passengers and accredited media representatives. German TV channel, rbb Fernsehen, will broadcast live from TXL and report in detail on the history of the airport.

Sunday, 8 November 2020

1.00 p.m.-2.30 p.m.

Bye bye Tegel – Abschied vom Berliner Flughafen TXL
(*“Farewell to Berlin’s airport”*)

2.30 p.m.-4.15 p.m.

Abschied von TXL – Der letzte Flug (live broadcast of last departure)

Further materials are available online: danketxl.berlin-airport.de

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