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BUDAPEST, June 30, 2017 (UBO) – Recent data made available by Budapest Airport suggests that traffic patterns for Russian holidaymakers are now looking eastward more than westward, perhaps an inevitable result of Western sanctions. Announcing a third daily flight to Moscow Sheremetyevo from 29 October, Aeroflot will be offering over 7,000 weekly two-way seats from Budapest to its main hub at Russia's busiest airport (in terms of passengers). Aeroflot says its increased service will see improved connections from Budapest to numerous existing Asian destinations including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, the South Korean capital of Seoul, Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou in China, as well as Bangkok and Phuket in Thailand. Directly serving 42 country markets, the additional operations will see Russia move ahead of Switzerland and Israel as the eighth largest country market flown from Budapest. Ironically, all of this increased Russian travel through Budapest will be handled exclusively by American-built aircraft, Aeroflot's Boeing 186-seat 737-800s. Other new service of interest originating from Budapest Airport Already launched: Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kyiv Boryspil, 15 June 2017. Launch announced: Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 2017

Editor's Note: All information in the above provided by Budapest Airport Zrt, the operator of Budapest Airport. The airport is owned by an international consortium of investors, led by the privately-owned German company AviAlliance, an independent airport manager holding a 55.438% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (21.228%), and Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (23.334%).