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(U) The European Union says that air traffic could return to 50 percent of its normal level 04/19 if forecasts confirm skies over half the continent are clearing of volcanic ash. The following is a list of the airspace status in European countries as of 1300 EDT on 04/18: AUSTRIA - Airspace expected to remain closed until at least 2400 GMT 04/18. BELGIUM - Airspace closed until at least 1800 GMT 04/18. Main airline, Brussels Airlines, has cancelled all flights until 04/19. BRITAIN - Airspace closed until at least 0600 GMT 04/19. British Airways cancelled all 04/19 flights. BULGARIA - Sofia and Plovdiv airports open as of 1100 GMT 04/18. Other airports closed. Transit flights permitted at 8,000 metres altitude. CZECH REPUBLIC - Airspace closed until at least 1000 GMT 04/19. DENMARK - Airspace closed until at least 0600 GMT 04/18. ESTONIA - Airspace closed until 04/19. FINLAND - Airspace closed until at least 1500 GMT 04/19. FRANCE - Airports north of Nice-Bordeaux line remain closed at least until morning of 04/20. GERMANY - Several airports open for flights heading in an easterly or northerly direction until 1800 GMT on 04/18. HUNGARY - Airspace to remain closed until at least 1000 GMT 04/19, although some flights at the discretion of traffic control may be allowed to take off or land. IRELAND - Airspace closed until at least 1200 GMT on 04/19. Ryanair, Europe's largest low-cost carrier, cancelled all flights to and from northern Europe until at least mid-day 04/21. Aer Lingus cancelled all flights for 04/19. ITALY - Northern airspace closed until at least 0600 GMT 04/19. LATVIA - Airspace expected to stay closed until 04/19. LITHUANIA - Lithuania airspace is now open, Vilnius Airport said on its website on 04/18. LUXEMBOURG - Luxembourg airport closed until at least 1600 GMT 04/18. NORWAY - Airspace opened for some traffic north of Bergen, with some northern areas still closed. Other main airports in southern Norway, such as Oslo Gardermoen and Stavanger, are still closed. NETHERLANDS - Dutch airline KLM cancels all European flights on 04/18. Airspace closed until at least 1800 GMT 04/18. POLAND - Six Polish airports, including Warsaw, reopen for commercial flights. ROMANIA - Airspace closed until at least 0900 GMT 04/19. RUSSIA - All airports open. Aeroflot is flying to the United States via the North Pole. SLOVAKIA - Airspace closed. SPAIN - The 17 airports closed the morning of 04/18 by the Spanish airport authorities are now all open. SWEDEN - Airspace closed all 04/18 and into 04/19. Scandinavian Airlines said most of its flights on April 18 and 19 have been cancelled. A corridor of airspace in northern Sweden is open around Kiruna as is as a corridor to the Norwegian Sea. SWITZERLAND - Main carrier Swiss says cancelled all European flights from and to Switzerland until 04/18, 1800 GMT. Swiss also says cancelled all intercontinental flights from Switzerland for all of 04/19. TURKEY - All airports open. Planes flying out of the Black Sea cities of Samsun, Sinop and Zonguldak have been advised not to fly higher than 20,000 feet (6 km). UKRAINE - Kiev's Borispol airport open.

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