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CASE OF PS752: CANADA RESPONSE TO AIR CRASH VICTIMS' FAMILIES

- GAC deployed the Standing Rapid Deployment Team to Iran
- Immediate Financial Assistance to Families of Victims
- Other measures – mental health, expedited visas and fee waiver
- Launch of GAC PS752 Task Force (TF) and appointment of Special Advisor

PROACTIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Weekly communication with families
- Monthly Ministerial newsletter
- Regular technical briefings and Ministerial calls with families
- Creation of scholarship program for PS752 and physical tribute in memory of all victims of airline disasters
- Appointment of a Special Advisor and publication of report on recommendations/best practices

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA & THE SAFER SKIES INITIATIVE

- The tragic loss of life resulting from the January 8, 2020 downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 dramatically highlights the need to continue to improve international efforts to safeguard civilian flight operations in and around conflict zones (CZ).
- Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, launched the [Safer Skies Initiative](#) to respond to this need and to recognize the calls of victims and their families to establish a common set of practices to better protect passengers from the risk of flying in or near CZ.
- One of the first efforts of the [Safer Skies Initiative](#) was the formation of the international Safer Skies Consultative Committee (SSCC), where members engage in open dialogue related to airspace risk mitigation and optimize information-sharing practices. This is leading to practical safety improvements for global civil aviation operations. Canada is currently the Chair of the SSCC.

SAFER SKIES INITIATIVE | The Consultative Committee

Members/Observers:

- Australia, Canada, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), the Expert Group on Risk Information Overflying Conflict Zones (EGRICZ). France, Germany, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA), the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA), Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Functions:

- To **support the work** of States, regional State mechanisms, IATA regional coordination groups, air operators, industry associations and international organizations on all CZ-related matters;
- To **promote best practices** to regulators, Air Navigation Service Providers and air operators regarding CZ risk assessments and mitigation strategies;
- To **enable information-sharing and a broader dialogue** between relevant parties on current CZ issues and way-forward for mitigation strategies; and,
- To **advocate for** the consideration of, modifications to, and implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and/or other ICAO CZ-associated guidance documents.

SAFER SKIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE | Work Plan

Priority 1

- Gap analysis - **completed**
- Mitigation Strategy Inventory
- Rapid Information sharing
- Annual Safer Skies Forum

Priority 2

- ICAO Contingency Coordination Team (CCT)
- Review of ICAO Doc 10084
- Review of ICAO Material on Civilian-Military De-confliction
- Innovation in Risk Assessment
- Criteria for Airspace Closure

Priority 3

- ICAO Training Workshop
- Mentorship Program

SAFER SKIES INITIATIVE | Looking Forward

- As noted in the international Safer Skies Commitment Statement, to which ACVFFI is a signatory, *“...there is more we can do to avoid further loss of life in civilian aircraft due to military actions and/or by non-State actors.”*
- As such, the SSCC will continue to work towards strengthening international cooperation, national procedures and air operators’ engagement and looks forward to working in partnership with the ACVFFI in achieving progress in the prevention of air accidents in or near CZ.

Together, we can make our skies safer!

Thank You

