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Dear Sir,

**ICAO** 

Dr. Taieb Chérif Secretary General

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Hereby we would like to inform you about the procedures in Iceland concerning the language proficiency requirement for pilots and ATC in Iceland.

In accordance with ICAO Annex 1 and JAR-FCL the language proficiency requirement has been translated and incorporated in our regulations. All commercial pilots already holding a licence have been issued an attachment containing level 4 of proficiency in English, to be carried with the licence. This is in accordance with the provisions of JAR-FCL based on previous assessment methods. The same has been done for private pilots having R/T privileges in English. This will gradually be entered on all licences. The attachment is valid for three years thereafter the licence holders will have to be reassessed.

All students and applicants for licences will now be assessed. Assessors have been appointed and must qualify for level 5 at least.

Concerning ATCs. In spite of stringent requirements in speaking English when they are accepted for training, they will all be assessed. The tests have been going on for some time and monitored by the ICAA (ATC assessment method approved by ICAA is according to ELPAC from Eurocontrol). Their licences will gradually be endorsed with the level of proficiency.

For the Icelandic Civil Aviation Administration

Yours sincerely

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