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UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL ATTEND ICAO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

MONTREAL, 2 December 1994 - Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary-General of the United Nations, will be the main guest among hundreds of dignitaries from around the world who will be present at ICAO Headquarters, Montreal on 6 and 7 December 1994 for activities marking the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Chicago Convention and the establishment of ICAO. The activities will take place at the end of the World-wide Air Transport Conference which began on 23 November.

The programme of activities (attached) begins with the closing ceremonies of the conference on 6 December at 1600 hours and continues with a cultural evening hosted by the Government of Canada. On 7 December there will be a special meeting of the ICAO Council, followed by a flag-raising ceremony, statements by delegations, the presentation of the Edward Warner Award (the world's highest award in civil aviation), and a press conference featuring the United Nations Secretary-General, the President of the ICAO Council and the Secretary General of ICAO. Later, Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali will address the ICAO staff and attend a lunch offered by the Canadian government.

ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of civil aviation in the world. A specialized agency of the United Nations, it sets international standards and regulations necessary for the safety, security, efficiency and regularity of air transport and serves as the medium for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 183 Contracting States.



ICAO 50th Anniversary Headquarters Celebrations Programme of Events

6 and 7 December 1994

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- 1600 - 1715 hours Closing Ceremony of the World-wide Air Transport Conference.
- 1930 Cultural evening hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Canada (Place des Arts).
- N.B. Guests are kindly requested to arrive not later than 1900 hours. Radio-Canada will be recording the concert including the arrival of the special guests.
- 1930 - 1955 Short protocol ceremony.
- 1955 - 2040 Concert by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra: June Anderson (United States) soloist, and Alexander Lazaref (Russian Federation) conductor.
- 2040 - 2100 Intermission.
- 2100 - 2200 Second half of the concert.
- 2215 Reception.

7 December 1994 - First International Civil Aviation Day

- 0900 - 0930 hours Special meeting of the ICAO Council (Council Chamber). Can be viewed on screen in the Assembly Hall.
- 0935 - 1030 Flag-raising ceremony and statements in the presence of the United Nations Secretary-General Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali (Assembly Hall).
- 1030 - 1100 Presentation of the Edward Warner Award (Assembly Hall).
- 1100 - 1145 Coffee break, press conference.
- 1145 - 1215 Address to the ICAO staff by Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali (Assembly Hall).
- 1230 Official luncheon offered by the Canadian Government.
- 1600 - 1630 Tribute paid to the ICAO staff by the ICAO Secretary General (Assembly Hall).
- 1630 Reception given for the staff of ICAO.