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Subject: Establishment of the Voluntary Air Transport Fund

Action required: Contributors are encouraged to make voluntary contributions to the Fund

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the ICAO Council, at the second meeting of its 201st Session, approved the establishment of the Voluntary Air Transport Fund (TRAF), as recommended by the Sixth Worldwide Air Transport Conference, in support of the Organization's work in the air transport field. In the past, ICAO established extra-budgetary funds for specific emerging priorities, notably safety, security, and environmental protection. The creation of a similar air transport fund would allow a streamlined administration of donated funds and timely execution of air transport activities not covered by the Regular Programme Budget under the new Strategic Objective, *Economic Development of Air Transport*.

The TRAF will be subject to the administrative and programme controls of the ICAO Voluntary Fund Guidelines and the ICAO Financial Rules and Regulations. A list of tasks that may be undertaken by using contributions from the Fund is provided in Attachment A.

Participation in the TRAF is financially independent of the ICAO Regular Programme Budget. Contributions to the Fund can be made by ICAO Member States, international organizations, and public and private entities associated with international civil aviation. Donor's contributions may be earmarked for a specific project or objective, while general contributions (un-earmarked) will be used as deemed appropriate and necessary.

To support ICAO in carrying out the wide-ranging tasks that would benefit the development of global air transport, I appeal to Member States and all interested donor parties to contribute to the ICAO TRAF. Contributions may be made by cheque payable to ICAO or by electronic bank transfer (instructions for the transfers are given in Attachment B). For information about the Fund, you may contact the Economic Analysis and Policy (EAP) Section, by e-mail at eap@icao.int, by telephone at +1 514-954-8219 ext. 8337, or by facsimile at +1 514-954-6744.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Raymond Benjamin
Secretary General

Enclosures:

- A — List of proposed tasks
- B — Banking instructions

ATTACHMENT A to State letter 14/32

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY AIR TRANSPORT FUND

Possible tasks to be undertaken by ICAO under the voluntary contributions of the air transport fund:

- a) consider additional ways and means by which to enhance the status of ICAO's policies for the sustainable economic development of the air transport system, and assess the value of a possible new Annex to the Chicago Convention on sustainable economic development of air transport, or other acceptable solutions;
- b) take necessary action for subsequent work on cost-benefit analysis related to air transport connectivity;
- c) study and develop guidance on any other important issues that may arise as liberalization progresses;
- d) promote and assist with the ratification of the *Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air* (Montréal Convention 1999); and
- e) conduct econometric studies and develop a monitoring system designed to explain the effects of the liberalization on international traffic and assess its evolution, taking into account all the variables involved in the liberalization process.

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ATTACHMENT B to State letter 14/32

BANKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Contributions to the Voluntary Air Transport Fund should be made either by cheque payable to ICAO or by electronic transfer. For electronic transfer, contributors should provide the following instructions to their paying bank:

Pay to: International Civil Aviation Organization

Bank: Royal Bank of Canada
Ste. Catherine and Stanley Branch
1140 St. Catherine Street West Montréal, Quebec H3B 1H7
CANADA

Bank Code: 003

Transit Code: 05101

Swift Code: ROYCCAT2

For Credit to: 137 6136 ICAO (Canadian dollars only)

For Credit to: 404 6843 ICAO (U.S. dollars only)

Ordering Customer: Specify customer code and name of State

Detail of Contributions: Voluntary Air Transport Fund earmarked (please specify the project)
or
Voluntary Air Transport Fund - un-earmarked

2. Intermediary Financial Institution for USD transfers (if required):

Bank JP Morgan Chase Bank
New York, NY

ABA/Routing#: 021000021

SWIFT code: CHASUS33

3. For all contributions by cheque, the documents accompanying the cheque should specify the customer code and indicate the details of the contribution as specified above. Please send your contribution to the following address:

International Civil Aviation Organization
Post Office Box 11323
Succursale Centre-Ville
Montréal, Quebec
H3C 5H7
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