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ICAO RECEIVES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON MH17 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

MONTRÉAL, 9 September 2014 – The Dutch Safety Board submitted its MH17 accident investigation Preliminary Report to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) today, in accordance with the provisions contained in Annex 13— *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation*, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

Australia, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States are participating in the Netherlands-led MH17 Annex 13 accident investigation, through Accredited Representatives.

"ICAO is encouraged to see that the MH17 investigation is proceeding with the productive collaboration of accredited international representatives," remarked ICAO Council President, Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu. "ICAO will continue to provide its full support to the Netherlands, in conjunction with its international team, while we await the conclusions and recommendations which will eventually be contained in the accident's Final Report."

Shortly after the MH17 accident, ICAO convened a special *Task Force on Risks to Civil Aviation arising from Conflict Zones* (TF RCZ), which has met twice to-date. The TF RCZ will be meeting again in December for its next round of talks, meanwhile next month the ICAO Council will be considering the group's preliminary findings.

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Resources for editors:

<u>Preliminary Report from Dutch Safety Board website</u> <u>ICAO, IATA, ACI, CANSO 29 July Joint Statement</u> on Risks to Aviation arising from conflict Zones. Applicable releases and 29 July press conference video in the <u>ICAO Newsroom</u>.

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