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ICAO PARTNERS WITH CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY'S JOHN MOLSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT SPECIAL CEREMONY

MONTRÉAL, 19 June 2015 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) yesterday signed an important partnership agreement with Concordia University's John Molson School of Business (JMSB). The new arrangement will lead to the establishment of an Executive Certificate in Civil Aviation Management through the umbrella of ICAO's TRAINAIR PLUS Programme.

The programme will offer certificates in Human Resources Management, Strategic Management, and Operations Management and will be taught at a level equivalent to that of a graduate programme.

"The John Molson School of Business is proud to join the TRAINAIR PLUS Programme as a Corporate Member. The establishment of the Executive Certificate in Civil Aviation Management is the first step in what I am certain will be a long and mutually beneficial partnership," commented Dr. Steve Harvey, Dean of the John Molson School of Business.

During a special ceremony led by ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin, to commemorate this important aviation training milestone, Dr. Harvey was honored for his strong commitment to the joint initiative. Secretary General Benjamin also recognized Concordia's JMSB as the first university to join the TRAINAIR PLUS Programme as a Corporate Member.

"ICAO is very proud to be collaborating with the JMSB to further enhance aviation management competencies of qualified personnel in civil aviation, while promoting best practices with respect to our Organization's global aviation training activities," Secretary General Benjamin remarked. "We have pledged to work with industry leaders and scholars in human resources development, human performance, and training activities to ensure aviation professionals receive quality education and training to help them reach their job goals."

The ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme is a cooperative global training network of training centres, established in close to 70 ICAO Member States and composed of 80 organizations. The Programme supports its Members to develop and share high-quality competency-based training material.

Training and capacity-building are also important pillars in ICAO's *No Country Left Behind* initiative, which is seeking to ensure that all States can enjoy the full prosperity benefits of safe, reliable air services through the more effective implementation of the UN aviation body's global Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

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