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ICAO RELEASES PRELIMINARY SAFETY AND SECURITY STATISTICS FOR AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS IN 2005

MONTREAL, 15 March 2006 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has completed its analysis of the preliminary information available on aviation safety and aviation security for 2005.

Regarding safety in 2005, there were 18 aircraft accidents involving passenger fatalities on scheduled air services worldwide for aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of more than 2250 kg, usually seven passengers or more. This does not include aircraft accidents caused by acts of unlawful interference. The total number of passenger fatalities was 713. In 2004, there were 203 passenger fatalities from nine accidents.

The increase in passenger fatalities led to an increase in the accident rate as measured in fatalities per 100 million passenger-kilometres. In 2004, 203 fatalities resulted in an accident rate of 0.01, while in 2005, 713 fatalities produced a rate of 0.02.

For non-scheduled operations, there were 18 accidents involving passenger fatalities for aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of more than 2250 kg in 2005, the same as in 2004. These accidents accounted for 278 passenger fatalities in 2005 compared with 207 in 2004. Comprehensive traffic figures for these operations are not available for the purpose of estimating accident rates.

Regarding security in 2005, six acts of unlawful interference were recorded in which three persons were killed and 60 were injured. Among them were two unlawful seizures, two facility attacks, and two other acts of unlawful interference.

A conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation on aviation safety will be convened by ICAO from 20 to 22 March 2006 at its Headquarters, in Montreal, to assess the current status of aviation safety, identify ways to further achieve significant improvements and develop a safety framework for the 21st century – a Global Strategy for Aviation Safety. The full agenda and documentation for the conference are available on the ICAO website: www.icao.int.

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 189 Contracting States.

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