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### ICAO RELEASES PRELIMINARY SAFETY AND SECURITY STATISTICS FOR AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS IN 2006

**MONTREAL, 13 April 2007** – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has completed its analysis of the preliminary information available on aviation safety and aviation security for 2006.

Regarding safety in 2006, there were 13 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 755. In 2005, there were 712 passenger fatalities from 17 accidents.

Despite an increase in passenger fatalities, the accident rate, measured in fatalities per 100 million passenger-kilometres, increased only marginally from approximately 0.0191 in 2005 to about 0.0193 in 2006. This is due to an increase of around 5 per cent in passenger-kilometres.

For non-scheduled operations, there were 13 accidents involving passenger fatalities for aircraft with a maximum take-off mass of more than 2250 kg in 2006, the same as in 2005. These accidents accounted for 81 passenger fatalities in 2006 compared with 249 in 2005. Comprehensive traffic figures for these operations are not available for the purpose of estimating accident rates.

Regarding security in 2006, 16 acts of unlawful interference were recorded in which two persons were killed and 27 were injured. Among them were four unlawful seizures or attempted seizures, three facility attacks, three acts of sabotage or attempted sabotage, one in-flight attack and five other acts of unlawful interference.

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 190 Contracting States.

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