COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT MH17,
DESTROYED OVER EASTERN UKRAINE ON 17 JULY 2014

Recalling that Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, a civil aircraft, was downed over eastern Ukraine on
17 July 2014 resulting in the tragic loss of 298 innocent lives;


Stressing the need for a full, thorough and independent international investigation into the loss of MH17
in accordance with international civil aviation guidelines;

Noting the crucial role played by the ICAO in aircraft accident and incident investigations;

Welcoming the Netherlands initiative, as the lead investigator in accordance with Annex 13 of the
Convention on International Civil Aviation, to send an international and independent team for the
investigation of the loss of MH17, in coordination with the Ukrainian National Bureau of Incidents and
Accidents Investigation of Civil Aircraft, following a request for assistance by Ukraine to ICAO and others; and

Considering the Preliminary Report of the Dutch Safety Board on the crash involving Malaysia Airlines
MH17 which identified that the aircraft was destroyed by a large number of high energy objects that
penetrated the aircraft from the outside;

The Council:

1. Condemns in the strongest terms the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 over eastern
Ukraine resulting in the tragic loss of 298 innocent lives;

2. Expresses its profound sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and
governments of the victims’ countries of origin bereaved in this tragic incident;

3. Reaffirms Article 3 bis of the Convention on International Civil Aviation and relevant ICAO
provisions which condemn the use of weapons against civil aircraft in flight without prejudice to the
provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. Welcomes the leading role and efforts of ICAO, supported by States, organizations and
industry players, for further improvement of international standards and sharing of best practices in
relation to the safety of civil aircraft at or near conflict zones to prevent recurrence of such tragic events
in future;

5. Urges States to take all necessary measures to safeguard the safety of air navigation,
including the establishment of robust arrangements to identify, assess and share information and
respond to risks to civil aircraft from activities in conflict zones, through, inter alia, effective
coordination of civil and military activities within conflict zones and, if considered necessary when the
safety of civil aircraft is deemed to be compromised, take appropriate airspace management measures
within their jurisdictions such as access restrictions or the closure of airspace, or the issuance of
advisories to airspace users;

6. Supports the ongoing independent international investigation led by the Netherlands,
designated by the State of Occurrence, working in coordination with ICAO, representatives of
concerned States and organizations;
7. Instructs the Secretary General to facilitate the work of ICAO in supporting the independent international investigation, including as outlined in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2166;

8. Calls on all States and actors in the region to provide all possible support to international investigators, including to provide unimpeded access to the crash site which will be important to assist with the continuation of a secure and safe independent international investigation into the loss of MH17;

9. Urges the Netherlands, supported by concerned States and organizations, to continue and finalize the independent international investigation;

10. Calls on all States to provide all possible assistance to other investigations related to the loss of MH17 which may be undertaken by relevant national and international authorities; and

11. Decides to remain seized of the matter.

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