



Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia honoured with Council President Certificate during ICAO high-level mission

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Montréal and Skopje, 14 September 2017 – ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu paid an official visit to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia late last week, conducting high-level talks with its President, Dr. Gjorge Ivanov, and hand delivering the State's ICAO Council President Certificate to the State's Director General of Civil Aviation, Mr. Goran Jandreoski.

"ICAO awards these certificates in recognition of States' exemplary aviation safety oversight improvements, as reflected in our 2016 ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) results," President Aliu stated to the attending audience and officials. "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's recent commitments and actions will now help ensure its more effective ICAO compliance, establishing an important foundation from which a wide range of sustainable development objectives may now be pursued to the benefit of your local citizens and businesses."

Similar priorities were highlighted during President Aliu's discussions with President Ivanov, where he highlighted further how the effective implementation of ICAO's Standards and policies can greatly assist States in optimizing the benefits established by global aviation connectivity, and in so doing support many State planning and programme targets regarding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals under Agenda 2030.

President Ivanov welcomed this advice and reaffirmed his State's commitment to support ICAO in its work and objectives, and notably to bring these priorities to the attention of neighbouring Balkan States.

In his discussions with Director General of Civil Aviation Mr. Goran Jandreoski, Dr. Aliu stressed the value in maintaining stability in the top management levels of the Civil Aviation Authority while appreciating an update on its most recent projects, programmes and structural adjustments.

Director General Jandreoski also expressed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's hope that ICAO could coordinate assistance and outreach in aid of the State's implementation of the ICAO Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), and Dr. Aliu and ICAO's ICAO Regional Director for Europe and the North Atlantic (EUR/NAT), Mr. Luis Fonseca de Almeida, provided a comprehensive explanation on the UN agency's Global Aviation Training and capacity-building programmes.



ICAO Council President, Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu (second from left) and ICAO EURNAT Regional Director Mr. Luis Fonseca de Almeida (far left), meet with the President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Dr. Gjorgie Ivanov (second from right), and Mr. Goran Jandreoski, Director of the General Civil Aviation Agency (far right).

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