



## *ICAO and ENAC to collaborate on new Safety Management Degree*

For immediate release

**Montréal, 5 October 2017** – ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu and the Director of France’s École Nationale de l’Aviation Civile (ENAC), Mr. Marc Houalla, signed a Memorandum of Understanding today covering the development and delivery of new educational programmes and training activities within the framework of the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme.

The first outcome of the new partnership will be a Master’s Programme in Aviation Safety Management, which is expected to launch in 2018. Its objective will be to provide future Safety Management System (SMS) managers with the fundamentals needed to systematically monitor and improve aviation safety, based primarily on ICAO Annex 19 and related SMS provisions.

“This new Master’s Programme will be an important addition to ICAO’s expanding portfolio of training offerings,” highlighted Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu. “We are very committed to strengthening our collaboration with Members of our TRAINAIR PLUS Programme, and to raising awareness on the latest safety provisions for both current and next generation aviation professionals.”

ENAC Director Houalla reinforced this sentiment, adding that “ENAC being an Aviation University, working under the auspices of the French Civil Aviation Directorate, one of our missions is to improve air transport safety worldwide. That is why we are very proud, through this training agreement, to work hand in hand with ICAO to fulfil this task. This partnership will definitely help to develop safety dedicated aviation professionals worldwide as part of the NGAP programme in which ENAC is deeply involved.”

The new SMS Master’s Degree, composed of 12 modules as well as an internship, covers all aspects of SMS concepts, processes, methods and operational management. It is specifically designed to address both executive as well as technical levels.

The course modules will support a wide range of aviation stakeholders, including aircraft and airport operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, air navigation service providers, and training organizations.

The Master’s Programme will be delivered both at ENAC’s Toulouse location in France and globally via other TRAINAIR PLUS Members.

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