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## ***Clarification on Airspace Safety Management***

*For immediate release*

**Montréal, 13 January 2020** – In light of inaccuracies now circulating regarding the role of ICAO in the closure or restricting of global airspace, the agency wished to clarify that under the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* it is ICAO Member States which are responsible for the proper coordination and publication of activities hazardous to civilian aviation arising in their territories.

Additionally, this publication by national authorities should be sufficiently far in advance of any hazard to allow all international civil aircraft to plan their routes clear of such areas.

Airlines are required to conduct regular risk assessments along their route networks using all available information.

Wide-ranging ICAO standards and guidance material, for both governments and airline operators, have been updated or newly originated after the lessons learned from the MH17 accident in 2014, including in the Annexes to the Convention and other documents listed below.

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### **Convention Annexes amended:**

Annex 6 – *Operation of Aircraft, Part I – International Commercial Air Transport – Aeroplanes*

Annex 13 – *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation*

Annex 15 – *Aeronautical Information Services*

Annex 17 – *Security*

### **Manuals and Guidance Materials which have been amended or originated:**

- ICAO Doc 9756, *Manual of Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, Part I*
- ICAO Doc 9859, *Safety Management Manual*
- ICAO Doc 9962, *Manual on Accident and Incident Investigation Policies and Procedures*
- ICAO Doc 9971, *Manual on Collaborative Air Traffic Flow Management*
- ICAO Doc 10084, *Risk Assessment Manual on Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones*
- ICAO Doc 10108 (Restricted), *Aviation Security Global Risk Context Statement*

### **Further Amendments planned for 2020**

Adoption of Amendments to Annex 11 – *Air Traffic Services*

Adoption of Amendments to Annex 6 – *Operation of Aircraft, Part I - International Commercial Air Transport – Aeroplanes*

- ICAO Doc 9554, *Manual Concerning Safety Measures Relating to Military Activities Potentially Hazardous to Civil Aircraft Operations and guidance on Civil/Military Cooperation in Air Traffic Management*
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## Resources for Editors

### About ICAO

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, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 193 Member States.

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