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Madam,

In reply to State letter AS 8/5-18/17 of 13 February 2018 regarding progress on the issue of laser pen targeting of active flight crews, I have the pleasure to inform you that this DGCA has incorporated into its operational standards the ICAO international requirement in Annex 6 –*Operation of Aircraft* which establishes the obligation for flight crew to report any non-weather hazardous situations affecting the flight to the nearest aerodrome. Although laser pen pointing is not [explicitly] mentioned in the operational standards of our country, any dangerous situation affecting the flight that is reported to the aerodrome concerned will be investigated, analysed and recorded for statistical purposes.

In accordance with National Standard DAN 152 – Airline Safety Management Systems (SMS), this DGCA receives mandatory safety reports including reports on laser pen pointing, which are subject to the same process of investigation, analysis and statistical processing.

A review of the databases and offense investigation archives since 2009 shows that this DGCA has not exercised its powers under Article 183 and subsequent articles of the Aviation Code to institute any offense proceedings, nor has it imposed any sanctions under Article 185 of said Code for laser attacks against civilian aircraft.

I can further inform you that the following actions were taken in the period 2014-2016:

- A series of exhibits on laser pen pointing was developed and disseminated with a view to raising the awareness of the aviation community about the problem;
- The issue of the laser hazard was incorporated into Accident Prevention Programmes of the National Aviation System for the period;
- The topic *The Laser Hazard in Air Operations* has been added to the syllabus of all courses on Safety Management and Implementation of the State Safety Programme, under the chapter on hazard identification;
- The latest version 3.0 of the tutorial on *The Laser Hazard in Air Operations* is available for consultation on the website of the institution.

Finally, in 2017, a promotional programme on laser pen pointing prevention was aired on the DGCA TV news channel.