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28 April 2014

**Subject:** Voluntary Contributions to the Safety Fund (SAFE) for the Improvement of Public Health Preparedness Planning in Aviation

Action required: To note and take necessary action

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to forward a self-explanatory letter Ref: AN 5/28-14/33 dated 11 April 2014 from the ICAO Secretary General.

Please note that States, Organizations and Industry are encouraged to make voluntary contributions to the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA).

Accept Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Arun Mishra Regional Director

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## Sir/Madam,

- 1. Article 14 of the Chicago Convention requires that Member States take measures to prevent the spread of communicable disease and Assembly Resolution A35-12 states "the protection of the health of passengers and crews on international flights is an integral element of safe air travel". Subsequent to this Resolution a number of health-related amendments were made to provisions in ICAO Annexes, Procedures and Technical Instructions.
- 2. Assembly Resolution A37-13 urges Member States to join and participate in the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel (CAPSCA) programme. The title of the programme was changed in 2013 to the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation, while retaining the same acronym, to reflect the increased scope of the programme beyond that of communicable disease, for example, radionuclear accidents. The 2013 Assembly reiterated its support for CAPSCA and "encouraged States and international organizations to contribute to CAPSCA financially and/or in kind". Since 2013, protocol questions in the Universal Safety Oversight Organization Programme have addressed these issues.
- 3. The CAPSCA programme has been successful in assisting States to implement the relevant health-related provisions and one hundred States and Territories have joined one of the five regional CAPSCA projects. However, funding for CAPSCA is not available from the regular programme budget and has been provided mainly by voluntary financial and in-kind contributions from the

United Nations, the World Health Organization, and Member States. Additional funding is now required so that the programme can provide ongoing assistance to States. I therefore appeal to the States, Organizations and Industry to contribute to ICAO's voluntary Safety Fund (SAFE) earmarked for CAPSCA (see Attachment).

4. Additional information about CAPSCA can be obtained from the website (<a href="www.capsca.org">www.capsca.org</a>) or from the Chief, Aviation Medicine Section and CAPSCA programme manager, Dr. Anthony Evans (<a href="aevans@icao.int">aevans@icao.int</a>). Information about SAFE is available on the website (<a href="http://www.icao.int/safety/scan/Pages/Safety-Fund-SAFE.aspx">http://www.icao.int/safety/scan/Pages/Safety-Fund-SAFE.aspx</a>).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Raymond Benjamin Secretary General

## **Enclosure:**

Banking Information

## ATTACHMENT to State letter AN 5/28-14/33

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SAFETY FUND (SAFE) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS PLANNING IN AVIATION

Payments in Canadian and United States dollars should be made by electronic transfer. Member States should provide the following instructions to their paying bank:

Pay to:

Royal Bank of Canada

St. Catherine & Stanley Branch

Montréal, Quebec

CANADA

Bank Code:

003

Transit Code:

05101

Swift Code:

ROYCCAT2

For Credit to:

137 6136 ICAO (Canadian dollars only)

For Credit to:

404 6843 ICAO (United States dollars only)

Ordering Customer: Details of payment:

You are kindly requested to inform ICAO when payment arrangements have been made.

For all payments by cheque, the documents accompanying the cheque payment should specify the customer code and indicate the details of the payment as requested above. Please send your payment to the following address:

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