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**Subject:** Invitation to the Colloquium on Environmental Aspects of Aviation

**Action required:** Reply concerning attendance by 15 February 2001

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to extend to your organization an invitation to the Colloquium on Environmental Aspects of Aviation which will be held at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal from 9 to 11 April 2001.

### Background

2. In recent years, there have been increasing concerns regarding environmental aspects of aviation, particularly aircraft noise and the impact of aircraft engine emissions. While aircraft noise is essentially a local issue of particular concern at busy airports in densely populated areas, there are measures which are currently under consideration to reduce noise that could have far-reaching implications affecting the air transport industry in all countries. In the case of aircraft engine emissions, there are impacts at both the local and global levels, notably with regard to climate change where ICAO needs to develop an appropriate response to the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol, which calls for States to pursue limitation or reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, working through ICAO. This could also have far-reaching implications affecting all countries.

3. Against this background, the Council has decided to convene a Colloquium on the Environmental Aspects of Aviation. The Council has identified the principal objectives of the Colloquium to be:

- a) to enhance States' awareness of the environmental problems associated with civil aviation;

- b) to exchange views on these problems; and
- c) to familiarize States with the work of the Council's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection, which next meets in January 2001 (CAEP/5).

This will help prepare States for a major discussion of environmental issues that is expected at the next Session of the ICAO Assembly in September/October 2001.

### **Colloquium topics**

4. A draft outline of the topics to be covered by the Colloquium appears as **Attachment A** to this letter. This draft outline has been approved by the Council in principle, bearing in mind the possibility that it might need to be adapted in the light of developments prior to the Colloquium. Following a brief overview of environmental problems associated with aviation and of ICAO's environmental activities, consideration will focus on the two principal environmental issues that are addressed by ICAO, namely aircraft noise and the impact of aircraft engine emissions. In both cases, the draft outline has been structured so as to provide:

- a) a general understanding of the environmental problem and the principal methods of addressing it;
- b) an explanation of ICAO's existing policies;
- c) information on recent developments, with a main focus on the outcome of CAEP/5 and on identification of key issues for the forthcoming Assembly session; and
- d) information on CAEP's future work programme and identification of principal factors that are likely to be of relevance to policymakers in addressing the problem in the years ahead.

### **Colloquium format**

5. Each topic and, where appropriate, each sub-topic will commence with one or more prepared presentations by speakers who are knowledgeable on the subject concerned. The floor will then be opened to participants who wish to comment or pose questions to the speakers. A moderator will be appointed to oversee the Colloquium as a whole, and rapporteurs will be assigned to sum up the discussions on both aircraft noise and aircraft engine emissions.

6. Prior to the Colloquium, the Secretariat will prepare a limited number of brief, factual background papers. There will be no formal working papers presented at the Colloquium.

7. While there will be no formal recommendations or conclusions from the Colloquium, the Secretariat will make a brief report to the 163rd Session of the Council in the form of a working paper identifying the key issues for the Assembly and any other developments at the Colloquium that might be of relevance to the Council in preparing the Assembly's discussions on environmental matters.

### Organizational arrangements

8. The Council has decided that the Colloquium will work as a single body throughout. The working languages will be Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish with interpretation in Chinese.
9. A list of representative hotels and apartment hotels within reasonable distance from ICAO Headquarters and a map of Montreal is at **Attachment B**. Reservations may be made directly to the hotel of your choice or through the ICAO American Express Travel Services, telephone number (514) 954-8102, facsimile number (514) 954-6758. The rates quoted are subject to confirmation on placement of reservations. Participants should specify that they are attending an ICAO meeting. Further information about Montreal, including additional hotel accommodation prices and locations, may be found on the Montreal Official Tourist Information Web site at <http://www.tourism-montreal.org>.
10. In compliance with paragraph 3.7 of Annex 9 to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, Canada has already dispensed with the requirement of entrance visas for temporary visitors of a considerable number of States. However, those participants for whom visas continue to be required for entry into Canada are invited to take steps to obtain these visas in good time from the nearest Canadian authorities.

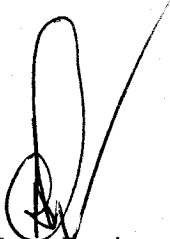
### Further information

11. A more detailed programme for the Colloquium as well as other organizational arrangements such as registration will be sent to you later, following CAEP/5. In addition, updated information concerning the Colloquium, including background papers as they become available, will be placed on the ICAO Web site ([www.icao.int](http://www.icao.int)).

### Response to invitation

12. I would appreciate your advising me as early as possible and in any event no later than **15 February 2001** whether you plan to participate in the Colloquium and, if so, the names of your representatives.

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



R.C. Costa Pereira  
Secretary General

### Enclosures:

- Attachment A - Draft outline of topics
- Attachment B - List of hotels, apartment hotels and map