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QATAR WITHDRAWS OFFER TO HOST ICAO PERMANENT SEAT

MONTREAL, 24 May 2013 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has confirmed it received a letter from the State of Qatar yesterday evening, officially advising the UN specialized agency that Qatar had decided to withdraw its earlier offer to become ICAO’s new Permanent Seat.

“Montréal has been our home for many decades,” commented ICAO Secretary General, Raymond Benjamin. “While the offer to move us to Doha was extremely generous, ICAO is also very pleased to continue its global mission with the support and cooperation of the Canadian and local governments who have hosted our Headquarters for so many years now.”

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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 191 Member States.