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## NO RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO JAPAN

MONTRÉAL, 18 March 2011 – International flight and maritime operations can continue normally into and out of Japan's major airports and sea ports, excluding those damaged by the tsunami, according to the latest information available from the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

While there is currently no medical basis for imposing restrictions, the United Nations organizations are monitoring the situation closely and will advise of any changes.

Screening for radiation of international passengers from Japan is not considered necessary at this time. Currently available information indicates that increased levels have been detected at some airports, but these do not represent any health risk.

Further information is available on the website of the World Health Organization: <a href="http://www.who.int/en/">http://www.who.int/en/</a>

Newsroom: http://www2.icao.int/en/newsroom/default.aspx

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