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## ICAO AND FIATA ANNOUNCE NEW DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR TRAINING PROGRAMME

**MONTRÉAL, 20 July 2011** – ICAO and the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) have signed an agreement on a new ICAO/FIATA Dangerous Goods by Air training programme.

"This is an important collaboration for FIATA and the industry," said Jean-Claude Delen, FIATA's President. "We will now be offering a training programme to our members backed by ICAO's vast technical knowledge and regulatory experience. Our entire freight forwarder membership will benefit from this development, especially in such a critical area as the safe transport of dangerous goods by air."

Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO, commented: "This is an extremely important initiative for enhancing the safety of the global air transport system. Freight forwarders account for a large segment of all shipments transported by air and constitute a critical element for strengthening the air cargo supply chain around the world."

The two organizations are looking at extending their partnership to include air cargo security and to establish a related programme for freight forwarders in the near future.

FIATA, founded in 1926, is a non-governmental organization representing an industry covering approximately 40,000 forwarding and logistics firms and employing 8-10 million people in 150 countries.

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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 and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 190 Member States.