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## ICAO JOINS WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN MONITORING OF WEST AFRICAN EBOLA OUTBREAK

**MONTREAL, 3 April 2014** – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is actively monitoring reports of increased incidence of the Ebola virus in the UN agency's Western and Central African (WACAF) Region. ICAO has stressed that the latest advice on the new outbreak from the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates that the risk of infection for travellers and tourists remains very low.

ICAO will continue to monitor updates through its Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) programme, which coordinates directly with the WHO and is designed to help ICAO Member States manage outbreaks of communicable diseases that affect the aviation sector.

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### Resources for editors:

The ICAO CAPSCA website: <http://www.capsca.org/CAPSCARefs.html>

WHO update: <http://www.who.int/ith/updates/20140328/en/>

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