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ICAO CONFLICT ZONE TASK FORCE TO MEET ON 14-15 AUGUST

MONTREAL, 5 August 2014 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has announced that the recently-established *Task Force on Risks to civil aviation arising from Conflict Zones* (TF RCZ) will be convened for its first meeting from 14 to 15 August 2014 at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada.

The Task Force was agreed to at a special high-level meeting on 29 July, hosted by ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu and ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin. They were joined on the occasion by the Directors General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Airports Council International (ACI) and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO). The findings of the Task Force are to be submitted to a special meeting of the ICAO Council within weeks.

The 29 July meeting was held in light of the recent downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 and to ensure greater clarity on the respective roles and procedures relating to conflict zones and civilian airspace.

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Resources for editors:

[ICAO, IATA, ACI, CANSO 29 July Joint Statement](#) on Risks to Aviation arising from conflict Zones.

Applicable releases and 29 July press conference video in the [ICAO Newsroom](#).

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