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Shown on the occasion from l-r: Helena Borges, Associate Deputy Minister of Transport, Canada; Michel Audet, Deputy Minister of International Relations, La Francophonie and External Trade, Québec; Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, President of the ICAO Council; The Honourable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada; Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO; Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal; and Mark Allen, Representative of Canada on the ICAO Council.

MONTRÉAL, 17 March 2014 – Senior officials from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) met with Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister, John Baird, and other government officials from Canada, Québec and Montréal for annual high-level talks on 7 March.

ICAO Council President, Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, and ICAO Secretary General, Raymond Benjamin, discussed a range of issues with the representatives from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments relating to the diplomatic and logistical aspects of the UN aviation agency's permanent Headquarters residency in Montréal.

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.

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