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Subject: Assembly Resolution A29-15: Smoking restrictions on international passenger flights

Reference Required: a) to note the Resolution, b) to take the necessary measures as soon as possible to restrict smoking progressively on all international passenger flights with the objective of implementing complete smoking ban by 1 July 1996; and c) to inform the Secretary General of the steps taken

I have the honour to inform you that the Assembly of this Organization, at its 29th Session on October 1992, adopted Resolution A29-15: Smoking restrictions on International passenger flights, which is attached hereto for your information.

At the first meeting of its 137th Session on 15 October 1992, the Council of ICAO requested to circulate Resolution A29-15 to Contracting States, and further agreed to take, in line with operative clause 2 and with the assistance and co-operation of the World Health Organization (WHO), appropriate measures to promote a smoke-free travel environment on all international flights.

I wish to call your attention to *whereas* Clause 5, which indicates that both WHO and the International Labour Organization (ILO) have considered that occupational safety and health are inter-related and cannot be separated. In addition, WHO in its resolution WHA44.26 requested its Director General *inter alia* "to collaborate with the International Civil Aviation Organization and all competent international and national agencies in developing guidelines and recommendations for a smoke-free travel environment in all types of public conveyances".

I wish to inform you that the Secretariats of ICAO and WHO have initiated contact with respect to the actions described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

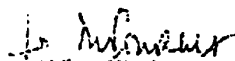
As you are aware, 7 December 1944, the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation at Chicago, has been declared International Civil Aviation Day. A major contribution on a world-wide scale of the international civil aviation community (including passengers) to the health and welfare of humankind could be achieved if you would consider taking steps by that date

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ards implementing the non-smoking ban for all flights. Clause 3 of the Resolution urges that, while Council is proceeding with its work, all Contracting States take necessary measures as soon as possible to restrict smoking progressively on all international passenger flights with the objective of implementing complete smoking bans by 1 July 1996. In order that ICAO can be fully aware of action taken by the international community in this regard, I would be most grateful if you would inform me of relevant action being taken by your Government.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Philippe Machat
Secretary General

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