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Action Required: To note and initiate planning for
States' celebrations

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Council of ICAO has approved *"Safety and Security – first and always the top priority"* as the theme for this year's worldwide celebration of International Civil Aviation Day on 7 December 2006 and throughout the year 2007.

You will recall that Assembly Resolution A29-1 declared 7 December each year as International Civil Aviation Day. The purpose of the annual celebration is to establish and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation in the social and economic development of States. The role of ICAO in promoting the safety, efficiency and regularity of international air transport should be emphasized in this context.

I encourage you to begin planning your State's programme of activities. Flag raisings, award presentations, air shows, exhibitions, tours and symposia could all be part of these programmes during the year 2007.

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A brief description of International Civil Aviation Day, news releases as well as messages from the President of the Council and the Secretary General from previous celebrations, can be found on the ICAO website at **http://www.icao.int/icao/en/aviation_day.htm**

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary General