

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ICAO - NOS FÉLICITATIONS À L'OACI



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As the official voice of the world's international scheduled airlines with origins also in the Chicago Convention of 1944, and after enjoying a close working relationship with ICAO ever since, IATA congratulates the Organization on its move to new Headquarters. It salutes the

Government of Canada for its continuing commitment to the air transport industry by providing this magnificent structure within which ICAO can continue to perform its important function.

Together, over the years, we have addressed all the major challenges of the industry whether economic, technical, environmental or regulatory. Together, we have pursued a painstaking search for the highest possible standards and together we are striving to build a safer and more efficient international air transport system.

Congratulations ICAO and its long-serving President Dr. Assad Kotaite and its Secretary General Dr. Philippe Rochat! IATA looks forward to working with you for many years to come.

En tant que voix officielle des compagnies aériennes internationales à liaisons régulières, issue tout comme l'OACI, de la Convention de Chicago en 1944, nous avons depuis toujours, travaillé de concert et dans la joie.

L'IATA félicite l'Organisation à l'occasion de l'inauguration de son nouveau quartier général. Elle salue aussi le gouvernement du Canada qui poursuit son implication dans l'industrie du transport aérien et fournit à l'OACI cette magnifique structure, à l'intérieur de laquelle elle peut continuer à exercer ses très importantes fonctions.

Ensemble, au fil des ans, nous avons fait face à tous les principaux défis de l'industrie, qu'ils soient économiques, techniques, environnementaux ou du domaine des règlements. Ensemble nous avons poursuivi la recherche des plus hauts standards possibles et ensemble nous nous efforçons de bâtir un système de transport aérien international plus sécuritaire et plus efficace.

Félicitations à l'OACI et à son président de longue date, le Dr. Assad Kotaite ainsi qu'à son Secrétaire général, le Dr. Philippe Rochat! L'IATA se fait une joie de travailler main dans la main avec vous pour de nombreuses années à venir.



**His Excellency Sheikh
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I am pleased to convey my warmest greetings and felicitations on this auspicious occasion to the International Civil Aviation Organization for

completing the construction of its new headquarters in Montreal.

Since 1899, when aviation history was made and the first step towards conquering the skies had been taken, the "Wright Stuff" made flight a reality for mankind. Another historic dawn of civil aviation was born when ICAO was created in 1944. Dedicated to the advancement of peaceful purposes around the world, it demonstrated a capacity to respond in a positive manner to the currents of change and the world challenges whether technological, social, economic, financial, human or environmental. ICAO has a vital and all-encompassing role in global development.

ICAO also plays a decisive role in establishing a level of efficiency through intensive cross-border cooperation that guarantees a high degree of safety, reliability and regularity in air transport, extending its

benefits to enlightened governments which recognize its merits. The success has been the result of a collaborative effort of all partners, indeed.

I take this opportunity also to proudly salute the longest-serving President of the ICAO Council, Dr. Assad Kotaite, who celebrated this August 1996, 20 years of infinite leadership and dedication to the aeronautics field. Focusing on the pooling of strengths and reaffirmation of common goals that bind rather than divide, his untiring efforts in pursuing common solutions to air transport issues have steered us safely in the industry. Yes, the recognition which he enjoys is richly deserved.

I feel it is a moment of pride to pay tribute to the Premier World Body of all Humankind.

We pledge ourselves to Our Universal Mother. Thank-you ICAO.