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Dr. Taïeb Chérif, Secretary General
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Dear Dr. Chérif:

The Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) recognizes that on-site aeromedical participation is an essential component in all phases of a complete civil aircraft accident investigation. The AsMA strongly agrees with Annex 13 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), that recognizes the contribution of medical data to accident investigation and states the necessity for the appropriate collection of medical, toxicological, and pathological data.

At the May 2006 meeting of the AsMA a resolution was passed concerning the medical contribution to civil aviation and aerospace accident investigations. The resolution stated that the AsMA strongly recommends a requirement for the active, on-site, participation by a qualified and trained aeromedical specialist in accident investigation to ensure the appropriate collection of medical, toxicological, and pathological data, and to assist with the assessment of the causal and contributory medical factors, and resultant injuries, in civil aviation and aerospace accidents.

Therefore, we would request that you give this your consideration in the formulation of ICAO Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guidance Material applicable to the aircraft accident investigation process.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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