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Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Ban,

We have the honour to inform you that 7 December 2014 marks the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (also known as the Chicago Convention), by which the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was established. This significant event will be celebrated both in Montréal, Canada, where the ICAO Headquarters is located, and in Chicago, United States, where the Convention was signed in 1944 (copy of the Preliminary Programme is attached).

On 8 December 2014, from 0900 to 1100 hours, an Extraordinary Session of the ICAO Council will take place in the historic Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Hilton Hotel (site of the original meeting), during which the Council will consider and adopt a Resolution on the Occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Signing of the Chicago Convention.

It would be a privilege for the Organization if you would be a guest of honour and address the Council on this memorable day.

Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu  
President of the Council

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Benjamin  
Secretary General

Enclosure

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## 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

(5-8 December 2014)

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(updated 19 August 2014)

### Montréal, Canada Events

Date/Venue	Time	Event
27 - 28 August / Chicago		Preparatory Mission to Chicago, United States ◇ Three Secretariat staff will participate
October/ Square Victoria	t.b.d.	Renaming of Square Victoria Métro Station ◇ Ceremony to take place in Square Victoria with placement of a plaque in Métro Station
3 December/ ICAO Headquarters Room CR3	t.b.d.	Francophonie Symposium ◇ Organized in conjunction with the Delegation of France and the Université du Québec à Montréal
3-4 December/ ICAO Headquarters Room CR1	0900 - 1700	Next Generation of Aviation Professionals Symposium (NGAP) ◇ Meeting objective will be to establish partnerships with stakeholders to support NGAP initiatives and activities
4 December/ *	t.b.d.	Dinner Reception for Council Members – hosted by the International Air Transport Association
5 December/ ICAO Headquarters	1000 - 1300	Model Council ◇ Member States are requested to nominate a university student or young <b>Civil</b> Aviation Authority (CAA) staff (between the ages of 18-30) to represent their respective State at this event.
5 December/ ICAO Headquarters Assembly Hall	1500 – 1630	National Delegations/Secretariat Event ◇ A celebratory event where the President of the Council and the Secretary General will present statements commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Chicago Convention; ◇ Staff Service awards will be handed out by the Secretary General ◇ Winners of the Drawing Contest will be announced ◇ Vin d'honneur reception to follow

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Date/Venue	Time	Event
5 December/ *	1630 – 1700	ICAO Museum ◇ <i>Official Opening</i> ◇ <i>Council Tour</i>
5 December/ *	1715 – 1730	Signing of ICAO/Quebec Understanding
5 December/ *	1730	Reception – hosted by the Government of Canada

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### Chicago, United States Events

Date/Venue	Time	Event
7 December/ *	t.b.d.	Bilateral Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>Meetings to be arranged between high-level U.S. officials and President of the ICAO Council and the Secretary General of ICAO</i></li> </ul>
7 December/ *	1800-2000	Reception – hosted by the Government of the United States
8 December/ Chicago Hilton Grand Ballroom	0900 – 1100	Extraordinary Session of the ICAO Council <sup>1</sup> Adoption of the Resolution on the Occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Signing of the Chicago Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <i>Review of the original Chicago Convention and expression of gratitude for the original 52 signatory States of the Convention</i></li> <li>♦ <i>Council States will elect regional spokespersons who will each make a brief presentation commemorating ICAO's 70 years of accomplishments /contributions to civil aviation</i></li> </ul>
8 December/*	1100 – 1200	Press Conference
8 December/*	1230	Lunch – hosted by Industry <sup>2</sup>
8 December/*	t.b.d	Symposium on the 70th Anniversary of the Signing of Chicago Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Opening remarks               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>U.S. Secretary of Transportation</i></li> <li>– <i>President of the ICAO Council</i></li> <li>– <i>Secretary General of ICAO</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ <i>Panel Discussion (topics to be determined)</i></li> </ul>
8 December/ *	1700 – 1900	Dinner – hosted by Industry <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Invitations to be sent to the President of the United States and the UN Secretary General

<sup>2</sup> To be hosted by Industry – t.b.d.

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\* Venue – to be determined.