Subject: NOTAMs related to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

Action Required: Review updated outbreak information and modify NOTAMs accordingly

Sir/Madam,

1. I wish to refer to the ninth meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Committee that was convened by the WHO Director-General on 29 March 2016. On recommendation of this meeting, the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) related to Ebola in West Africa was lifted on the same date.

2. Due to the potential risk of Ebola transmission during the active period of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa, several States have issued NOTAMs restricting operations to and from Ebola-affected countries.

3. On 1 June 2016, WHO declared an end to Ebola virus transmission in Guinea and on 9 June 2016, WHO reported the end of the most recent Ebola virus disease outbreak in Liberia.

4. The number of NOTAMs with restrictions related to flights and passengers arriving from Ebola-affected territories has decreased from twenty-six in November 2014 to seven remaining on 19 June 2016. However, some of these NOTAMs currently have restrictions in place that are not in accordance with the most recent outbreak information provided by the WHO.

5. According to the risk assessment information published in the most recent WHO Situation Report dated 10 June 2016 (http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/), only three countries in West Africa (Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone) still require sustained mitigation.
6. States are requested to consult the WHO website for updated information on recommendations regarding the EVD outbreak in West Africa (http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/) and to modify their NOTAMs accordingly.

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

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