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### NO RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO JAPAN

**MONTREAL, 18 March 2011** – International flight and maritime operations can continue normally into and out of Japan's major airports and sea ports, excluding those damaged by the tsunami, according to the latest information available from the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

While there is currently no medical basis for imposing restrictions, the United Nations organizations are monitoring the situation closely and will advise of any changes.

Screening for radiation of international passengers from Japan is not considered necessary at this time. Currently available information indicates that increased levels have been detected at some airports, but these do not represent any health risk.

Further information is available on the website of the World Health Organization:  
<http://www.who.int/en/>

Newsroom: <http://www2.icao.int/en/newsroom/default.aspx>

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### CURRENT RADIATION LEVELS IN JAPAN AND TRAVEL ADVICE

**MONTREAL, 01 April 2011** – Radioactive material from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi plant is gradually spreading outside Japan into the global atmosphere but at extremely low concentrations that do not present health or transportation safety hazards, according to the United Nations organizations closely monitoring the situation.

Japanese authorities confirm that all airports in the country, with the exception of Sendai which was affected by the tsunami of 11 March, continue to operate normally for both international and domestic operations. Continuous monitoring around these airports confirms that radiation levels are well within safe limits from a health perspective.

For updates, travelers visiting Japan by air are advised to consult a dedicated website established by the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau:  
[http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/flyjapan\\_en/](http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/flyjapan_en/).

Japanese authorities also confirm that all international seaports not damaged by the earthquake and tsunami are operating normally and that no health risk has been detected around the ports, based on the results of measurements of radiation levels by local governments.

Further information covering all aspects of the response of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, as well as information regarding the radiation dose in Tokyo Bay can be found on the following websites:  
[http://www.mlit.go.jp/page/kanbo01\\_hy\\_001411.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/page/kanbo01_hy_001411.html)  
[http://www.mlit.go.jp/kowan/kowan\\_fr1\\_000041.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/kowan/kowan_fr1_000041.html)

Screening for radiation of passengers arriving from Japan is currently considered unnecessary at airports or seaports around the world.

The UN agencies involved in the monitoring process are the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Tourism Organization.

Further information is available on the website of the World Health Organization - [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

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### **CURRENT SITUATION FOR TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT TO AND FROM JAPAN**

**MONTRÉAL, 14 April 2011** – The United Nations organizations closely monitoring the effects of the damaged Fukushima Daiichi plant remain confident that current radiation levels do not present health or transportation safety hazards to passengers and crew.

On 18 March, based on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES)\*, the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry assessed the significance rating of the accident at the plant as Level 5. On 12 April, this assessment was revised to Level 7 following information obtained from estimations of the amount of radioactive material discharged to the atmosphere.

Radiation monitoring around airports and seaports in Japan continues to confirm that levels remain well within safe limits from a health perspective. In addition, monitoring of passengers, crew and cargo from Japan carried out to date in other countries, in accordance with their national policy, does not suggest any health or safety risk. Therefore, screening of radiation for health and safety purposes is currently considered unnecessary at airports and seaports around the world.

\*Information concerning travel and transport to and from Japan by air or sea is not dependent on the INES rating.

For updates, travelers visiting Japan by air are advised to consult a dedicated website established by the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau:

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/flyjapan\\_en/](http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/flyjapan_en/).

Further information covering all aspects of the response of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, as well as information regarding the radiation dose in Tokyo Bay and at sea in the region can be found on the following websites:

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/page/kanbo01\\_hy\\_001411.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/page/kanbo01_hy_001411.html)

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/kowan/kowan\\_fr1\\_000041.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/kowan/kowan_fr1_000041.html)

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime\\_fr1\\_000007.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr1_000007.html)

The UN agencies involved in the monitoring process are the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Tourism Organization and the International Labour Organization.

Further information concerning health aspects is available on the website of the World Health Organization - [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

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