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ATAC and its Members Provide Practical Solutions to TC

ATAC has continued to work closely with our members to find reasonable ways forward regarding various recent regulatory proposals that TC has issued as Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA). These include NPAs regarding Pilot Fatigue, Seaplane Operations and Aerodrome Development. These practical industry-driven proposals would allow for many improvements in the various sectors of our industry, where warranted, and be commensurate with the anticipated safety gain. In addition, the Canadian economy would be less severely impacted and allow air service to continue to be the great socio-economic enabler that it is, within all areas of Canada including its many remote areas. ATAC will continue to advocate for solutions that improve safety and at the same time do so in a sustainable manner.

ATAC MRO Successes @ MRO Americas 2015

ATAC and Canadian MROs attended the Aviation Week MRO Americas trade show and conference, the largest MRO event worldwide, April 14-16 in Miami Beach, FL. The three days of conference, B2B meetings, and our Annual Canadian MRO Networking Event were very productive for our MROs in connecting with current and prospective customers and continuing to spread the message that Canadian MROs offer world class services. ATAC facilitated booths for Avianor, Discovery Air Technical Services, KF Aerospace (Kelowna Flightcraft) and Premier Aviation Overhaul Center. The next major MRO event facilitated by ATAC will be MRO Europe 2015 in London, UK on October 13-15. Contact ATAC if you wish to be part of the Canadian MRO team.

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ATAC Flight Training Mission to Ireland and the UK

Spring is in the air in Canada and Canadian flight schools are ramping up for the good weather ahead. It is also the season during which the Global Opportunities for Association (GOA) program wraps up current missions and approves missions for 2015-2016.

In March, Calgary Flying Club, Essential Helicopters, Super T Aviation and Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre, participated in the Professional Flight Training Exhibition (PFTE) mission to Dublin, Ireland. With the help of Irish Trade Commissioner, Georges Mongey, the "FlyCanada" booth at the show was visited by our new Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Kevin Vickers, who was called a hero after the shooting on Parliament Hill in October. The Ambassador welcomed the Canadian delegation and offered to host a future meeting at his residence. Over 400 students attended and over 140 visited the FlyCanada booth. The group also met with City Jet, Aer Lingus, the Irish Aviation Authorities and Irish ATOs. A stopover in London followed to attend meetings at the Canadian Embassy.

International Mission to China Planned for Fall 2015

GOA has approved the current mission to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) International Flight Training Exhibition in Shenzhen China in September 2015. This mission builds on initial meetings with the AOPA President in Beijing in April. The gradual release of low altitude airspace has improved activity in general aviation in China which includes regional airlines, on demand charter, business aviation and flight training. The GOA project supports a "FlyCanada" booth focused on international student pilot recruitment, as well as outreach to domestic airlines. AOPA's membership includes regional airlines, on demand charter

operators and business aircraft operators.

Participation in GOA missions is open to association members only and is facilitated through ATAC. For info, contact Wayne Gouveia at wgouveia@atac.ca.

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Transport Canada Planning to Withdraw Third Party War Risk Indemnification

ATAC has learnt that Transport Canada is planning to withdraw the Third Party War Risk Indemnification. Third Party War Risk is that insurance which covers airlines for damage to third parties (eg. building, etc...) struck by aircraft in a "war" scenario. As a result of the 9/11 attacks, insurers withdrew the insurance altogether on September 15, 2001. The Canadian Government stepped in to extend an indemnification to air carriers. Recently the market for third party war risk insurance has re-established reasonable rates which will allow carriers to obtain coverage through normal channels.

Transport Canada Announces New Non-Passenger (Staff) Screening and Vehicle Screening Plans

In order to comply with changes to ICAO security requirements, Transport Canada is in the process of announcing new measures for non-passenger screening and vehicle screening. The focus will be on international and transborder flights from larger airports.

Transport Canada Issues an Objectionable NPA on Airport Consultations

On February 26, 2015, Transport Canada issued a Notice of Proposed Amendment concerning requirements that airports will have to undertake in order to proceed with development or construction. ATAC will strongly oppose this NPA as it will, in ATAC's view, impede development of Canadian airports.