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## **UN Confirms Safety of Japan Operations - No Recommendation for Passenger Screening**

Geneva - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) welcomed confirmation from six United Nations (UN) agencies monitoring Japan's damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant that there is no health or transportation safety hazard. The UN statement also confirmed that screening for radiation of passengers arriving from Japan is currently considered unnecessary at airports or seaports around the world.

The joint statement was prepared by 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.

According to the UN statement, continuous monitoring around Japan's 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/).

"Safety is always the top priority. The transparent and continuous monitoring of the situation has allowed Japanese and international authorities to confirm that Japan's airports remain open and safe for travelers and transport workers. It is important that governments and industry respond to the challenges of this crisis with best practices supported by expert advice. We are reassured that the UN is not recommending screening measures for passengers coming from Japan," said Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's Director General and CEO.

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### **Notes for Editors:**

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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.

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[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)

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

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