



70th

**ANNIVERSARY
OF THE EUROPEAN / NORTH ATLANTIC
OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
AVIATION ORGANIZATION**

(EUR/NAT ICAO)

Paris, July 7, 2016

**DEAR MR. LUIS FONSECA DE ALMEIDA!
DEAR DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS!**

On this solemn day dedicated to the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the European / North Atlantic Office of the International Civil Aviation Organization (EUR/ NAT ICAO), allow me, on behalf of the Federal Air Transport Agency of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation cordially welcome and congratulate the UN employees and public servants of the Paris office on this anniversary!

Civil aviation is an important progress indicator. It uses the best achievements and discoveries of the world science and technology, embodies the most daring ideas and dreams, conquers the air ocean, connects settlements and cities, countries and continents.

The International Civil Aviation Organization represented by the European / North Atlantic Office faithfully serves European governments and citizens and ensures development and prosperity, providing standards and recommended practices for aviation safety and security and air navigation services. It cares about the environment, trade and tourism development, providing technical assistance to the member states.

These achievements would have been impossible without the ICAO headquarters' consistent policy aimed at strategic development in the air transport industry under the guidance of the ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu and ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu who maintain ICAO's traditions and use its invaluable experience: and here, I would like to recall and honor the memory of the honorable President of the ICAO Council Dr. Assad Kotaite.

Also, I would like to salute the united and dedicated aviation professionals' team of the ICAO EUR/ NAT office! Thanks to your efforts and personal contribution, international civil aviation has been continuing its sustainable evolution all these 70 years. You worthily represent international civil aviation in Paris, you make it stronger, tougher and more competitive every day! We appreciate cooperation between the Russian Federation and European countries in all aspects of international civil aviation and look forward to its further strengthening.

Our special reverence and respect to the Government of France for the accreditation of the ICAO regional office in such a beautiful city of Paris.

Once again, I heartily congratulate all who attend the 70th anniversary! I wish you good health, inexhaustible energy, vitality, optimism, prosperity and personal well-being.

On behalf of all the Russian aviators I wish you looking far beyond the horizon, high and clear sky, success in safe and efficient activity both on the ground and in the air!

Alexander Neradko
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