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**Subject:** Laser illumination and flight safety

**Action required:** a) continue to raise awareness of the dangers of laser illumination of aircraft; b) indicate progress made to enforce applicable laws when laser attacks are perpetrated; and c) indicate progress made in including legal provisions and enforcing penalties, if necessary

Sir/Madam,

The hazard posed by laser attacks against civil aircraft, specifically the deliberate targeting of flight crew with laser illumination to disrupt the safe operation of the aircraft, is a matter of continued concern since it was first brought to the attention of States through dissemination of State letter AS8/5-14/83, dated 4 December 2014.

States were encouraged to enforce applicable laws when laser attacks are perpetrated. Furthermore, States were urged to consider including legal provisions to address the issue of laser attacks against civil aircraft, and to penalize perpetrators in accordance with applicable legislation.

I request your State to indicate the progress made in efforts to enforce the legislation and provision of penalties. I furthermore request your State to indicate newly developed and implemented legal provisions to address the issue of laser attacks. You are invited to provide your response by 16 March 2018.

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

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Secretary General