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**hold the Tenth Annual Aviation Talks virtually**

**on 12 December 2024**

The United Nations and the Russian Federation held the tenth Annual Aviation Talks on 12 December 2024, online.

The United Nations participation was led by Mr. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support. He was accompanied by Ms. AnneMarie van den Berg, Assistant Secretary-General for Supply Chain Management and other senior team members. The delegation of the Russian Federation was led by Mr. Dmitriy Yadrov, Director General of the Federal Air Transport Agency, accompanied by his senior staff. It was the first such annual meeting to be organised after the appointment of Mr. Yadrov in 2023 as the new Director General.

The two sides acknowledged the longstanding cooperation between the commercial aviation providers of the Russian Federation and the United Nations and discussed the current state of affairs in the field of air transport cooperation, including the Significant Safety Concern (SSC) issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 2022. Mr. Yadrov underlined that the Russian air companies remain interested in providing air transport services to the United Nations and stand ready to participate in bidding exercises as soon as the formal issues are resolved.

The United Nations Department of Operational Support and the Federal Air Transport Agency agreed to continue the dialogue on a regular basis.