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### **NO RATIONALE FOR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

On 1 May 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) emphasized that during the current outbreak of influenza there is no rationale for travel restrictions. This message from WHO has been consistent since the beginning of the outbreak. An explanation is provided on the WHO website [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/guidance/public\\_health/travel\\_advice/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/guidance/public_health/travel_advice/en/index.html).

States that have already applied such restrictions, or are considering so doing, are urged to review this information and take it into account when formulating policy. Initiatives that do not follow the WHO guidelines can be highly disruptive to the global community and to the air transport system.

Additional information concerning preparedness planning for the aviation sector is available from the ICAO website <http://www.icao.int/icao/en/med/guidelines.htm>.

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