Introductory Note in preparation of Video Conference with Dutch Members of Parliament – 28/01/16

I am Joe Sultana, Director Network Manager within EUROCONTROL.

The Network Manager is a function established by the European Commission as part of the Single European Sky legislation. EUROCONTROL was designated as the Network Manager in July 2011 and I am Director of the Network Manager and a member of the Board of Eurocontrol.

The mission of the Network Manager is to provide network-wide air traffic flow and capacity management services, monitor the operation and improve the performance of the European air traffic management network, in particular to a reduction in delays and improvements in flight efficiency.

As part of this function we play a leading role in preparing for, responding to and mitigating impact of major disruptions and crisis affecting European airspace and airports.

As Head of this function I represented Eurocontrol on the ICAO Task Force on Conflict Zones and as part of our 24/7 operations service, monitor and publish information to assist aircraft operators about airspace closures and warnings within and adjacent the Network Manager area of competence as attached.

I will do my best to support Dutch Parliament in its deliberations of the report on MH 17.