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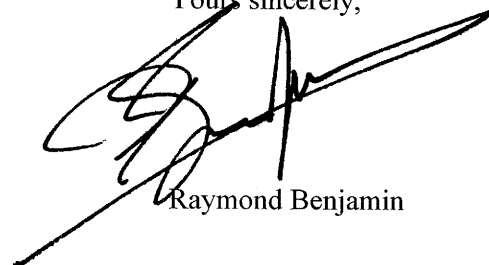
Dear Mr. Ban,

I wish to refer to the meeting of the *Task Force on Risks to Civil Aviation arising from Conflict Zones* (TF RCZ) convened by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from 14 to 15 August 2014 in the aftermath of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17.

The meeting has deliberated on certain urgent and practical measures to address the risks presented to international civil aviation in airspace over conflict zones. Among other things, representatives of the civil aviation industry, particularly the International Air Transport Association, have underlined the need to incorporate into international law, through appropriate UN frameworks, measures to govern the design, manufacture and deployment of modern anti-aircraft weaponry.

As this is a matter relating to arms control and disarmament, I am taking the liberty to bring this to your attention, hoping that you will take it into consideration in the relevant work of the United Nations. If any assistance is needed, ICAO will always do its best to cooperate and support.

Yours sincerely,



Raymond Benjamin