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Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Egbert Field
Director General
Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
Lot 1, Middleton and Craig Street
Campbellville,
Georgetown

Dear Sir,

RE: INCREASED WILDLIFE ACTIVITY AND BIRD/VULTURE HAZARDS AT INTERIOR AIRSTRIPS – (MABARUMA)

I am writing in my capacity as Safety Manager of Trans Guyana Airways (TGA) to bring to your urgent attention a recent and noticeable increase in wildlife activity, particularly vultures, at a number of our interior airstrips, with Mabaruma Airstrip being the most seriously affected.

Over the past weeks, our flight crews have reported a marked rise in the presence of vultures congregating on and around the runway at Mabaruma. This has already resulted in the following occurrences:

- At least four (4) reported bird strikes involving our aircraft operating into Mabaruma and other locations in just about four (4) weeks;
- At least one missed approach executed by a crew after vultures were observed occupying the runway surface during the approach phase, requiring the aircraft to go around and re-attempt landing.

These occurrences represent a serious and growing threat to flight safety and damages to aircraft. Vultures are large-bodied birds capable of causing significant structural damage on impact, and their tendency to gather in numbers on or near the runway increases the risk of multiple-bird strikes during the critical phases of takeoff and landing. The interior airstrips we operate to, including Mabaruma, generally have limited or no wildlife control infrastructure (perimeter fencing, deterrent systems, or dedicated ground personnel), which makes this hazard difficult for individual operators to manage on their own.

TGA has already alerted its flight crews to exercise heightened vigilance at Mabaruma and other affected interior strips, and we are reviewing our internal reporting and go-around procedures in light of these events. However, the underlying cause, likely linked to the availability of food sources (such as exposed waste, carrion, or agricultural activity) near the airstrip, is outside the ability of any single operator to resolve and requires attention at the airstrip/airport authority level.



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In light of the above, we respectfully request that the following be considered:

- An assessment of wildlife attractants (waste disposal sites, abattoirs, drainage, agricultural activity, etc.) in the vicinity of Mabaruma Airstrip and other affected interior strips;
- Implementation or reinforcement of wildlife hazard management measures at these airstrips, including runway inspections prior to scheduled operations and active deterrence of vultures and other wildlife from the runway environment;
- Consideration of a wildlife hazard assessment/survey of the interior airstrip network, given that this issue may not be isolated to Mabaruma alone;
- Guidance on reporting channels so that bird strike and wildlife hazard occurrences at these airstrips are captured, tracked, and addressed on an ongoing basis.

TGA remains committed to flight safety and stands ready to provide any additional operational data, occurrence reports, or assistance that may support a coordinated response to this hazard. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further, given the safety-critical nature of the concern.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Safety Manager
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