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NO.-N°	402-1426	BY / DE	Mr. Julian	DATE	December 7, 2009 / le 7 décembre 2009
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RETURN BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
DÉPÔT DU LEADER DU GOUVERNEMENT À LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES

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RESPONSE TO PETITION RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

PREPARE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH MARKING "ORIGINAL TEXT" OR "TRANSLATION"
PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS EN INDIQUANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

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RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
PRESIDENT OF THE QUEEN'S PRIVY COUNCIL FOR CANADA AND
MINISTER FOR LA FRANCOPHONIE
RÉPONSE DE LA MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES,
PRÉSIDENTE DU CONSEIL PRIVÉ DE LA REINE POUR LE CANADA ET
MINISTRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

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SUBJECT / OBJET

Transportation

RESPONSE / RÉPONSE

ORIGINAL TEXT
TEXTE ORIGINAL

TRANSLATION
TRADUCTION

The Transportation Safety Board (TSB) is recognized as a world leader in its field due to its independence, credibility and expertise. The TSB conducts its business in a fully independent and objective manner in order to fulfill its mandate of advancing air, rail, pipeline and marine transportation safety.

The *Canadian Transportation Accident Investigation and Safety Board Act (CTAISB Act)* provides the legal framework that governs Transportation Safety Board (TSB) activities. The mandate of TSB – as defined in sub-section 7(1) of the *CTAISB Act* – is to advance transportation safety by “conducting independent investigations... into selected transportation occurrences...” Therefore, from the on-set, Parliament recognized that the TSB would not investigate all occurrences.

The TSB does not differentiate between accidents and serious accidents. Information is collected about every occurrence reported to the TSB. Each occurrence is carefully assessed and a determination is made on the type of investigation to be conducted. The TSB undertakes investigations only in cases where there is a high potential to advance transportation safety. The TSB makes the results of its investigations and other safety information available to regulators, industry and the public.

Although it may appear that the TSB is conducting fewer air investigations, figures show that the number of air investigations started has remained fairly consistent over the past 6 years, ranging between 41 and 50 per year. It is also important to note that there has been a significant downward trend in the accident rate for Canadian-registered aircraft over the past 10 years.

The TSB has successfully carried out all necessary investigations pursuant to its mandate, and has been adequately funded to do so.

The work of the TSB is fully compliant with Canada's obligations to ICAO under the *Chicago Convention*. In its last *Report on the Safety Oversight Audit of the Civil Aviation System of Canada*, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) stated "the TSB is an appropriately established, properly organized and adequately funded organization capable of accomplishing its functions and responsibilities effectively and efficiently."
