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Subject:	<b>Assignment No. AP2011/683/09 – Follow-up on Audit of Aviation Safety in MINUSTAH</b>		

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, reference IAD: 11-683/09 of 15 June 2011, under cover of which you forwarded the OIOS Draft Follow-up Audit Report on the above subject.

2. Please now find attached MINUSTAH's response to the Draft Follow-up Audit Report as requested.

Best regards.

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**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**Follow-up audit of Aviation Safety in MINUSTAH**

Para. no.	Recommendation	Accepted? (Yes/No)	Implementation date	Client comments
12	MINUSTAH should request an Aviation Safety Assistance Visit from the Aviation Safety Section, Logistics Support Division / Department of Field Support to obtain an up-to-date assessment of aviation safety management in the Mission as required by the Aviation Safety Manual.	Yes	Dec. 2011	UNHQ Aviation Safety Section conducted an Aviation Safety Assistance visit to MINUSTAH from 4 to 8 July 2011. Once the Mission receives the findings/recommendations of the visit, the necessary steps will be taken to ensure that the Mission meets all the requisite standards.
16	MINUSTAH should ensure that passengers and baggage are subjected to security screening prior to boarding United Nations aircraft in the regions.	Yes	Dec. 2011	MINUSTAH is procuring X-Ray equipment and will in due course train Security Section personnel to operate the equipment and screen all passengers and luggage prior to boarding UN flights from the Regions.
21	MINUSTAH should formally establish the Operational Risk Management (ORM) Implementation Task Group and ensure the implementation of ORM in the Mission.	Yes	Oct. 2011	The Mission has formally established an ORM Implementation Task Group, which held its first working meeting on Aviation risk management analysis in April 2011. It is expected that the Task Group will finalize its work by the end of October 2011.
27	MINUSTAH should ensure that adequate Emergency and Crash Rescue Services are provided for the airports/airfields as required by the DPKO/DFS Aviation Manual.	Yes	Oct. 2011	A Standard Operating Procedure has been created on ORM and is due for review during July/August 2011. Fire safety coverage in respect of MINUSTAH Aviation operations in Port-au-Prince is being provided by the Fire Safety Unit within the Security Section. The Mission has however decided to conduct a bidding exercise to outsource ECR services at the Regional Headquarters and Port-au-Prince. This outsourced contract will be under the administrative and operational control of the Aviation Section and is expected to be finalized by October 2011.
28	MINUSTAH should ensure that the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is finalized and organize full ERP drills annually to test the effectiveness of the Mission's Emergency Response Plan.	Yes	Dec. 2011	An ERP exercise will be conducted as soon as the outsourcing referred to in Recommendation 27 above is completed and an ECR Unit is established in the Mission.