

Interim statement on the technical investigation Concerning the Accident of a Boeing B737-800 Aircraft Registered 7T-VKK, Occurred on April 14th 2025 at El Oued Aerodrome

1. In accordance with the provisions of Annex 13 to ICAO – Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, the Accident and Serious Incident Investigation Structure, in its capacity as the State of Occurrence, is responsible for investigating the circumstances of accidents and serious incidents.

2. This first interim statement has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 6, paragraph 6.6 of Annex 13 to ICAO, in order to provide information on the progress of the technical investigation into the accident involving the Boeing B737-800 aircraft, registered 7T-VKK, operating the Paris Charles de Gaulle – El Oued flight on April 14, 2025.

After landing on runway 13 at El Oued aerodrome, the flight crew requested air traffic control to provide medical assistance and an ambulance, reporting that three (03) crew members had been injured during the flight due to severe turbulences.

A deployment two technical investigators were carried out to El Oued in order to collect informations and documents related to the technical investigation.

The draft final report is currently being finalized. It will be submitted to the concerned parties for consultation in accordance with the provisions of Annex 13 to ICAO.

3. Pursuant to Law No. 98-06 of 03 Rabie El Aouel 1419, corresponding to June 27, 1998, as amended and supplemented, establishing the general rules relating to civil aviation, and by virtue of Decision No. 129 of March 4, 2026, a technical investigation commission has been established to determine the circumstances and causes of the accident and to issue safety recommendations, where appropriate.

4. The technical investigation commission is composed of:

Mr. BOURAOUI Chakib, Sub-Director of Accident and Serious Incident Investigation, Chairman;

Mr. CHOUICHA Mohamed, Head of Service, Member of the Technical Investigation Commission.

1- If the report cannot be made public within twelve months, the State conducting the investigation shall issue an interim statement on each anniversary of the occurrence, detailing the progress of the investigation and any safety issues raised.

2- ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for coordinating and regulating international air travel. The Convention establishes rules regarding airspace, aircraft registration, and safety. Currently, there are 191 contracting States to ICAO.

3- When the location of the accident or serious incident cannot be definitively established as being within the territory of a State, the State of Registry shall institute and conduct the necessary investigation. However, it may delegate all or part of the investigation to another State by mutual agreement and consent.

4- The following may participate in the technical investigation of an accident or serious incident occurring in Algeria:

- Accredited representatives of the State of Registry, the Operator, the State of Manufacture, and the State of Design of the aircraft;
- Any State that, upon request, provides information, facilities, or experts;
- Any State whose nationals are among the fatalities or seriously injured persons. Specify participants where applicable.

5. This interim statement concerns the progress of the investigation as of April 14, 2026, and is based on factual informations collected in accordance with Annex 13 to ICAO. It is available on the website of the National Civil Aviation Agency: www.anac.dz.

6. As of today, the technical investigation is still ongoing and the final report has not yet been published. The main activities carried out since the beginning of the investigation include:

- Notification of the accident sent to the NTSB and ICAO;
- A field mission conducted in El Oued to collect information and documentation related to the accident and to interview the attending physician of the seriously injured flight attendant;
- Collection of documentation and technical data related to the accident;
- Ongoing analysis of documentation and technical data related to the accident;
- Ongoing preparation of the draft final investigation report.

7. The information collected is preliminary in nature and may be revised in light of new evidence prior to the publication of the final report.

8. the Accident and Serious Incident Investigation Structure continues to analyze the collected information in order to determine the causes and contributing factors of the accident, and to issue safety recommendations where appropriate.

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