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Update on the Government of Nunavut response to Air India Flight 127 diversion

Iqaluit, Nunavut (October 18, 2024) – Minister of Economic Development and Transportation David Akeeagok today thanked all those who assisted in the response to the flight diversion of Air India Flight 127 on October 15 and 16, 2024.

At approximately 5:24 a.m. on October 15, 2024, Air India Flight 127 was diverted to the Iqaluit International Airport due to a bomb threat. The appropriate emergency response protocol was activated, which, in addition to the security response, included providing care for stranded passengers, and ensuring minimal disruption to regularly scheduled passenger movements.

“The safety and well-being of travelers passing through Nunavut and our community is our priority. I am pleased with the swift and welcoming response of our community and partners who came together to provide support to the Air India passengers,” stated Minister Akeeagok.

The coordinated response from various government agencies, airport services, and local businesses demonstrates the effectiveness of such protocols in ensuring the safety and well-being of stranded passengers, while maintaining regular airport operations. The response included support from the Government of Nunavut (Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Department of Community and Government Services and Department of Health), Nunavut Airport Services, Government of Canada (Canadian Border Services Agency, the RCMP, Canadian Military), aircraft personnel from the FBO and Canadian North, and local businesses.

On the evening of October 15th, the Canadian Armed Forces mobilized a flight to carry stranded passengers safely to their scheduled destination of Chicago.

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