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Transportation Safety Board of
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des transports du Canada (TSBC)
Attn. Mr. Nick Stoss
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Subject: Safety recommendations related to the event Airbus A310-300 registered C-GPAT, on 06/03/2005 during a flight from Varadero, Cuba, to Québec.

Dear Mr. Stoss,

Following the Safety Recommendation mentioned above and the conference call held on December 20th 2006, we have understood that the TSBC wanted the EASA to review and update where necessary the current maintenance based on the results and conclusions of the inspections.

We all agreed that a one shot inspection program has been launched in order to investigate the current condition of rudders with part number series A55471500, in order to address the immediate safety concern. On this basis, we considered that the Agency has implemented an inspection program.

Nevertheless, all elements which may have potentially caused the damage growth are still investigated. In the scope of the usual Continued Airworthiness process, the EASA is still investigating with Airbus to determine the appropriate corrective actions. On the basis of those results, the EASA will consider mandating those actions, including amending the maintenance program to require repetitive checks, where found necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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