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The recent tragic accident in the UK offshore sector highlights the continuing need to maintain safety as the number one priority for all operators – this is imperative.

The investigation into the root cause of this particular accident is ongoing, and it will continue to be supported fully. However, we cannot afford to wait to take action if there are areas that can be enhanced to reduce the potential for a reoccurrence. As such, the offshore helicopter industry operators are determined to also take the lead in further enhancing the safety record of the industry.

Today we are launching a joint review of safety, training and procedural best practice with a view to identifying the key areas where a change in the way we do business will ensure that we are operating to the best collective experience that our companies can offer. The review will see cooperation initially amongst our experts in safety, training and flight operations, with further work to be rolled out in the area of maintenance.

We will also work closely together with other operators in the business who wish to engage and who may hold “best practice” within their operations. We will promote the results of the review to become the “industry standard.” Existing linkages to key stakeholders in the industry (for example, through EHOC and OGP) will be fully utilized to both influence the work and also prepare the way for any broad-reaching change that emerges.

Finally, we are mindful of other reviews that have been, or will shortly be, announced (for example, the Helicopter Safety Steering Group in the UK and the review by the respective UK and Norwegian Civilian Aviation Authorities). The operators’ initiative outlined in the enclosed Charter will fully support parallel activity, and the aim will be to inform these other reviews through the actions being taken by our own work.

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